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In 1626 Indians did everything by trade, and they did not believe that land could be privately owned, any more than could water, air, or sunlight. But they did believe in giving gifts for favors done. The Lenape—one of the tribes that lived on the island now known as Manhattan—interpreted the trade of goods as gifts given in appreciation for the right to share the land.

National Museum of the American Indian, *Do All Indians Live in Tipis?* (Washington, DC: Smithsonian Books, 2018), 78–79

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