

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE

READING COMPREHENSION!

Name: _____

Native American Heritage L1

Art

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1) Which of these forms of art do Native Americans create?

☐ jewelry	☐ photography
☐ film	☐ digital art

2) How do they create art with clothing?

☐ by measuring them	☐ by decorating them
☐ by washing them	☐ by shrinking them

3) What types of things do they create by weaving?

☐ blankets	☐ rugs
☐ baskets	☐ all of these

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Native American Heritage L2

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Native American Heritage L3

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Childhood



Native American babies were carried on their mother's back in cradleboards. The girls learned to cook, make baskets, and grow crops, while the boys learned to hunt and fish. They learned history and morals through elder stories.

1) What were Native American babies carried in?

- ☐ sleep sacks ☐ cradleboards
☐ bassinets ☐ cradleboards

2) What did the girls learn to do?

- ☐ cook ☐ make baskets
☐ grow crops ☐ all of these

3) How did they learn about history and morals?

- ☐ elder stories ☐ dreams
☐ history books ☐ the internet

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Clothing



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1) Which was a reason that Native Americans wore different types of clothing?

- ☐ fashion shows ☐ different climates
☐ popular movies ☐ sewing machine types

2) What was most clothing made from?

- ☐ grass ☐ cotton
☐ animal bones ☐ animal hides

3) What could be used to decorate clothing?

- ☐ fur ☐ feathers
☐ quills ☐ all of these

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Entertainment



Native Americans enjoyed sports, games, music, dance, and other traditions. The most popular sport was lacrosse. Singing and chanting were important parts of everyday life. Instruments were also played, like drums, rattles, and flutes.

1) What did Native Americans have for entertainment?

- ☐ games ☐ music
☐ dance ☐ all of these

2) What was the most popular Native American sport?

- ☐ football ☐ lacrosse
☐ golf ☐ baseball

3) Which instrument was not used by Native Americans?

- ☐ drum ☐ rattle
☐ saxophone ☐ flute

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Food



Native Americans got their food from hunting, farming, fishing, and gathering. They grew crops like corn, squash, beans, and potatoes. Some also gathered nuts and berries. They hunted deer, buffalo, rabbits, ducks, and other animals.

1) How did Native Americans get their food?

- ☐ hunting ☐ farming
☐ fishing ☐ all of these

2) Which of these crops did they grow?

- ☐ squash ☐ grapes
☐ oranges ☐ peaches

3) Which of these animals did they hunt?

- ☐ elephants ☐ rhinos
☐ zebras ☐ buffalo

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Homes



Native Americans lived in different homes. This depended on the materials available, the environment, and their lifestyle. They lived in teepees, wigwams, hogons, plank houses, chickees, igloos, or wattle and daub homes.

1) Why did Native Americans live in different types of homes?

- ☐ the materials available ☐ the environment
☐ lifestyle ☐ all of these

2) Which of these homes did Native Americans not live in?

- ☐ teepees ☐ plank houses
☐ townhouses ☐ igloos

3) Which of these homes did Native Americans live in?

- ☐ craftsman houses ☐ hogons
☐ cottage houses ☐ Victorian houses

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Native American
Heritage L2

Legends

Most Native American stories and legends were passed down through elders telling them to younger tribe members. Many stories were about how the earth and people were created. Most had nature, gods, goddesses, and spirits in them.

1) Who passed down most Native American stories?

2) Many stories were about how the earth was what?

3) Most stories had what elements in them?

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Medicine

Native American tribes often had healers who would care for the sick. They would use tools from nature like bones, crystals, fur, shells, roots, feathers, and herbs. They also called on different spirits to help assist them with healing.

1) Who were the people who cared for the sick?

2) What were some tools used by healers?

3) Who did healers call on to assist with healing?

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Religion

Native American tribes had unique beliefs and rituals. Some believed that all living things were guardian spirits. Some believed in "The Great Spirit", a supreme being that watched over everything. Others believed in 3 different worlds.

1) What did some Native Americans believe that all living things were?

2) What did some Native Americans call a supreme being who watched over everything?

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Social Structure

At the highest level were large Native American groups, called tribes or nations. Within each tribe, were smaller groups, called clans. The leaders of the clans were called chiefs. Within each clan, were villages and families.

1) What were the highest level of large Native American groups called?

2) What were smaller groups of Native Americans called?

3) What were the leaders of the clans called?

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2) What did the girls learn to do?

3) How did they learn about history and morals?

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Food



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1) How did Native Americans get their food?

2) Which crops did they grow?

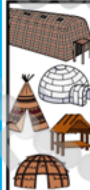
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2) What are 3 types of Native American homes?

3) Name 3 more types of Native American homes.

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Students can practice critical thinking and deductive reasoning to make meaning of the text!

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Religion



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Religion

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1) What did some Native Americans believe that all living things were?

- ☐ evil spirits ☐ angels
☒ guardian spirits ☐ shadow ghosts

2) What did some Native Americans call a supreme being who watched over everything?

- ☐ "The Great Watcher" ☒ "The Great Spirit"
☐ "The Great One" ☐ "The Great Leader"

3) Some Native Americans believed there were how many worlds?

- ☒ 3 ☐ 5
☐ 4 ☐ 6

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Name: **ANSWER KEY** Native American Heritage L3



Religion

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Answer keys included for quick and easy assessment!

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DIFFERENTIATED WRITING CRAFT NATIVE AMERICAN TOTEM POLE!

First, I chose the
thunderbird

Next, I chose the
bear

Then, I chose the
beaver

I also chose the
fox

Finally, I chose the
owl

MY TOTEM POLE

Totem poles are big, tall sculptures made by Native Americans. They are made from trees and tell stories about the history of families and tribes. Totem poles can have different animals, plants, and people carved into them.

1) Who made totem poles?
☐ African Americans ☐ Native Americans
☐ Asian Americans ☐ Hispanic Americans

2) Why were totem poles made?
☐ to get animals ☐ to make bread

DIFFERENTIATED READING COMPREHENSION NATIVE AMERICAN READING COMP!

Name: Kosumi Native American Heritage LI

Apache

The Apache are made up of six different tribes. They lived in the Southern Great Plains. Families lived together in wigwams and teepees. They wore soft leather shoes, called moccasins. They ate corn, buffalo meat, and berries.

1) How many tribes make up the Apache?
☐ three ☐ five
☐ four ☒ six

2) Where do they live?
☐ New England ☒ Southern Great Plains
☐ Northern Great Plains ☐ Mid-Atlantic

3) What shoes did they wear?
☒ moccasins ☐ tap dancing shoes
☐ oxford shoes ☐ high heels

Name: Abedabun Native American Heritage LS

Sioux

The Sioux lived in the northern Great Plains. They moved around from place to place following the buffalo. They lived in teepees that could be taken down and set up quickly. They got most of their food from hunting bison, deer, and elk.

1) Where did the Sioux live?
The Sioux lived in the northern Great Plains.

2) Which animal did they follow?
They moved around to follow the buffalo.

3) Which animals did they hunt?
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