Native Americans

The 33 North American Indian tribes found in the annotated list at the end of this section represent only some of the Native Americans who were living in the United States, Canada, and Mexico when European explorers and settlers first came to the New World. The tribes listed are among the best-known so that students will be able to find information.

To complete this More Than a Report, students will research one particular group. The report does not include all aspects of Native American life, rather it is intended to be an introduction.

It is important to teach respect and regard for these peoples who inhabited this land many thousands of years before European settlers arrived. Through the research and completion of each report, students will discover a world of fascinating people and come to appreciate their uniqueness.

Complete teacher directions for “Native Americans” are on page 27.
...if you lived with the Indians...

An important report by: _____________________

From room: _____________________

Date: _____________________
... if you lived with

Bibliography

This is where you lived in America...
This is the type of dwelling you lived in...

This is how you dressed...
The

Indians

This is the title page of your report. Fill in the name of your Native American tribe. Decorate the front, color, and cut it out. It will be the top page.

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This is the second page of your report. Write each question that you have answered on a line. Remember to number your pages and put them in the right order so your teacher can staple them to your report.
Student Directions: Native Americans - An Important Report

Name: ____________________________________________

The Native American tribe I am reporting on: _________________________________________

Instructions—The diagram above shows the different parts of your report. Each number in the directions below matches the number above. This is to show you where information is to be placed on your report. Keep these sheets in your folder so you can look at them often. You’re going to do a important job and be very proud of your report when you are finished.

☐ Front Cover
Your front cover is not pictured here. To complete the front cover, follow these directions:
• Using large letters, fill in the name of your tribe on the line.
• Fill in the information at the bottom.
• Color as you wish.

☐ 1 Mini-Book
• You will ask and answer ten questions about your tribe.
• Write one question and its answer on each card.
• There are two ways to go about this:
  1. As you are doing your reading and find an interesting piece of information, write it on one of your cards. Then write a question that the information answers.
  2. Think up your questions first, write one on each note-taking card, and then find the answers.
Name:______________________________

- You have only ten questions, so they must be good ones. Your answers need to be complete.
- Finishing the mini-book:
  - Proofread.
  - Paper-clip a blank paper on top of a lined sheet so that your writing will be straight.
  - Copy one question and its answer on each piece of blank paper.
  - Add a simple colored illustration to each page if you have room.
  - Complete the title page and table of contents last.
  - Your teacher will staple the pages onto your report.

- All the sources you use should be listed in the bibliography printed in box 1 of your report form.

2 Color the Map
Using a bright color, shade in the area where your tribe originally lived. There were no state lines at that time, but it will help you to understand where they lived if you associate them with the states as we know them.

3 Draw the Shelter
- Draw the type of house in which your tribe lived.
- Make it as authentic as possible; use different textures to resemble as closely to the materials as possible.
- Be sure to include the setting in which the shelter would have been built in the background of your drawing.

4 Dress the Person
- The figure can be either male or female.
- Use what you learned in your research to draw clothing on the figure.
- Add lines out to the side describing particular aspects of the dress.
- Add hair and anything they would wear on their head.
- Add tools, weapons, or religious symbols in their hands.
- Next to the figure draw one of their means of transportation.
- Draw in the background to show the area they lived (example: plains, woodlands, etc.).
- Color everything.

Hints for completing an “important” report:
Be neat. Use your best handwriting.
When drawing, sketch lightly and erase any unwanted lines completely.
Use lots of color whenever possible.
Use your imagination and creativity.

YOUR REPORT IS DUE:______________________