

## Native American Culture Presentation

***Culture: the way people live their lives, the things they make and use, and the way they see the world and their place in it.***

You will be working to create a presentation about one of the Native American groups in North America at the time of European settlement. The purpose of this activity is to help you understand the variety of native cultures that European settlers encountered when they arrived in North America. We will focus on Native American groups that will appear later in our study of U.S. History. Your job will be to discover your tribe's story and culture and then present what you have learned to the class.

Your presentation must be in your own words. Do not simply cut and paste information from the internet! (That would be an integrity violation.) You may use any of the following items as a part of your presentation: drawings, maps, graphs, timelines, photographs, quotations, poems, paintings, or charts/diagrams. You may print these from the internet, but you must credit your source, list your sources. ***Use bullet points. You are not required to use complete sentences—the images on your presentation should tell most of the story.***

Regardless of the size of your group, your report must include all of the topics listed below. Focus your research on one or two topics each. Remember to show the relationship between the geographical area (climate, physical geography, location) and the development of each aspect of the culture. When you describe how European settlement affected the tribe, consider the following questions: Did their relationship with the settlers change over time? Did they move from their cultural area, and if so, how and why? How are they important in the history of the United States?

### Basic Needs and Technology

- Food sources
- Clothing
- Shelter
- Tools, weapons
- Language (written or oral)

### Social Structure

- Family relationships and responsibilities
- Economic relationships and trade
- Government structure
- Beliefs/Religion (traditions and customs)

### Effect of European Settlement/Relationships

- Notable chiefs/leaders
- Role in U.S. History

Use your imagination and your knowledge of history to describe each part of the culture and to explain the relationship among the parts that make up the whole—a complete picture of the Native American Culture you have been assigned. Neatness, organization and creativity will be a part of your grade.

### Project Calendar

- September 8 ~ Assign topics and select groups
- September 9~ Media Center—book research
- September 10, 11 & 14 ~ Classroom—research and workdays.
- September 15 ~ Classroom ~ American Indian Cultures Exhibition