



Tour Theme: Archaeology (grades 3-5)

Sub theme: Native Americans

Pre-Visit Activity #1

Paiutes of Southern Nevada

Objective(s)

1. Students will research the economic, political, and cultural processes of the Southern Paiutes, by using a variety of resources.
2. Students will categorize the information obtained through research by sorting facts into one of six groups (habitat, food, ceremony, arts & crafts, family, and organizational structure of the tribe).
3. Students will create a brochure containing facts about the habitat, food, ceremony, arts & crafts, family, and organizational structure of the Southern Paiutes.
4. Students will demonstrate how the habitat, food, social habits, and arts & crafts of the Southern Paiutes changed as a result of the coming of people from eastern North America by retelling a story, creating a display, creating a timeline, or by demonstrating a craft attributed to the Southern Paiutes.

Pre-Assessment

1. We will work as a group to complete the "Know" portion of a KWL chart.

The students will break into small groups of 2 to 3. They will brainstorm to complete to the "Want to Know" portion of the chart, and then share their ideas to the whole group.

Final Assessment

Using the attached rubrics, the students will self-evaluate. After the teacher has viewed all completed work, the teacher will then conference with each student to finalize the rubric scores.

Activity

This activity is to occur after the pre-assessment, and prior to a field trip planned for the Springs Preserve.

A variety of books, reference materials, and a list of appropriate websites will be made available to the students. They will be asked to gather as many facts as they can about the Paiutes found in Southern Nevada, writing one fact each on 3 x 5 index cards. The students will then sort the cards into the following groups: habitat, food, ceremony, arts & crafts, family, and organizational structure of the tribe. They will then tape the cards to 6 sheets of butcher paper hung around the room. As a whole group, share and discuss their findings, interesting tidbits, and surprising information.