



Theme: Archaeology (Grades 3-5)

Pre-Visit Activity #2

Learning About the Southern Paiutes

Overview:

In this activity, students will have an opportunity to gain knowledge about the Southern Paiute Native Americans through research. They will research six categories: shelter, food, entertainment, arts and crafts, games, and family. This information will then be used to fill out the *What you have LEARNED* section of the KWL Chart from Pre-Visit Activity #1.

Objectives:

- Students will reflect upon the questions they wrote on their *What you WANT to know* section of the KWL chart.
- Students will conduct their own research.
- Students will learn how to organize gathered information.
- Students will discuss their findings with the class.

Materials:

- Books/reference materials about the Southern Paiutes
- Access to the internet
- 3x5 index cards (at least six per student)
- Butcher paper
- Tape

Activity:

1. Before doing this activity, label 6 pieces of chart paper, each with one of these categories: shelter, food, entertainment, arts & crafts, games, and family. On the day of the activity, hang these chart papers around the room.
2. Using books in the school or public library, textbooks, or the internet, have students research the Southern Paiutes. They should find one fact that they find interesting about the Southern Paiutes in each of the six categories: shelter, food, entertainment, arts and crafts, games, and family.
3. Students will write down one fact per 3x5 index card.
4. After students have finished their research, have them tape their 6 cards onto the corresponding posters (one card per poster per person).
5. Review one category at a time with the class by asking students to speak about what they contributed to each category. This is a great time for students to be

taking notes that will assist them in completing their KWL Charts.

6. Have the students go back to their KWL charts and begin to fill in the *What you have LEARNED* section.

Discussion:

After students have finished writing facts in the KWL Charts, ask them what they still want to know about the Southern Paiutes. Explain to the students that they will be learning more regarding the Southern Paiutes when they visit the Springs Preserve.

*Note: Students should bring a notebook with a pen or pencil to the Springs Preserve to take notes so that they will have extra information for Post-Visit Activity #1.

Suggested Reading:

1. ***And It Is Still That Way, Legends Told by Arizona Indian Children*** by Byrd Baylor. A collection of traditional tales from the Indians of Arizona, arranged in the categories "Why Animals Are the Way They Are," "Why Our World Is Like It Is," "Great Troubles and Great Heroes," "People Can Turn Into Anything," "Brother Coyote," and "There Is Magic All Around Us."
2. ***Dancing Teepees; Some Poems of American Indian Youth*** by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve. Illustrated by Stephen Gammell. A collection of Sneve's verses, tribal songs and prayers and contemporary poets' works. Includes many tribes, such as Sioux, Dakota, Zuni, Navajo and others.
3. ***Ma'ii and Cousin Horned Toad; A Traditional Navajo Story*** by Shonto Begay. Illus. by Shoto Begay. A lazy, conniving coyote habitually takes advantage of his animal cousins until his cousin, Horned Toad, teaches him a lesson.
4. ***Motel of Mysteries*** by David Macaulay. Archeologists in the year 4022 dig up an old hotel and have their own interpretation about simple objects of our everyday life: toilets, toilet seats, etc.
5. ***Pima Indian Legends*** by Anna Moore Shaw. A collection of twenty-four stories which the author gathered from her relatives in the 1930's. Includes Pima, Yuma, and Apache. Good read aloud tales for children.
6. ***Right Here on This Spot*** by Sharon Hart Addy. Illus. by John Clapp. A boy takes a look back at what happened at his grandfather's farm from the Native Americans, Early Settlers, and the Civil War.
7. ***Singing America; Poems that Define a Nation*** by Philip Neal. Ill. by Michael McCurdy. Collection of poems with spirituals, anthems, and songs of the Pueblo and Sioux Indians.
8. ***That Tricky Coyote!*** by Gretchen Mayo. Tales from various tribes including Apache, Zuni, and Ute.
9. ***The Magic of Spider Woman*** by Lois Duncan. Illus. by Shonto Begay. Tells the Navajo tale of how a stubborn girl learns from the Spider Woman how to keep life in balance by respecting its boundaries.
10. ***The People; Indians of the American Southwest*** by Stephen Trimble. Interviews with people in fifty reservation communities and cities in the Southwest.