

2nd Grade Native American Project

As a project for our Native American unit, each child will be completing a diorama, an informational paragraph, and an oral presentation on a specific culture of a Native American tribe. This project will address language arts and social studies standards. There will be four steps to this project and each one is listed below.

Step 1: Choose the Native Americans tribe you want to research for your project. Once you make your decision, please tell your teacher as soon as possible. Choose your tribe by Thursday, October 24th.

Suggested tribes:

Cheyenne

Sioux

Dakota

Navajo

Hopi

Pueblo

Iroquois

Cherokee

Step 2: Make a diorama at home. To construct a diorama, you will need a shoe box (or any small box) and your choice of materials to make a scene depicting the life of the Native American tribe you have chosen. Below is a list of possible materials. Be creative in constructing your diorama. The diorama will be due on November 12th. Late projects will result in a lower grade.

construction paper

crayons

scissors

glue

blue cellophane (water)

sand

twigs (trees)

grass (plains)

clay

plastic figures

cut outs from magazines

brown paper bag (deer/buffalo hide)

spray paint (for your box)

Your diorama will be graded on the following criteria:

- _____creativity
- _____neatness/quality
- _____knowledge of your tribe
- _____variety of materials used

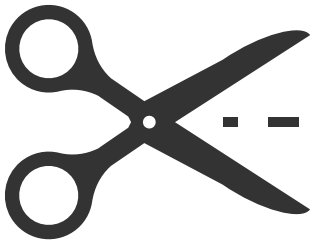
Step 3: Write (not type) an informational paragraph describing the culture of your tribe. Include information about where the tribe lived or lives today, their diet, their homes, and any other interesting facts that you learned during your research. The paragraph will be graded on the following criteria:

- _____neatness
- _____complete sentences
- _____clear beginning, middle, ending
- _____descriptive details
- _____stay on topic

Step 4: Give an oral presentation to the class describing your diorama. Be prepared to answer questions from the teacher and your classmates. Please practice at home and be prepared to give your presentation by November 12th.

It will be graded on the following criteria:

- _____knowledge of tribe culture
- _____clear speaking voice
- _____eye contact and posture
- _____good listening skills



Please return by Thursday, October 24th, 2025.

Student Name _____

Native American Tribe Name _____