

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 13th.

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 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 16th. Late projects will result in a lower grade.**

construction paper

grass (plains)

crayons

clay

scissors

plastic figures

glue

cut outs from magazines

blue cellophane (water)

brown paper bag (deer/buffalo hide)

sand

spray paint (for your box)

twigs (trees)

Your diorama will be graded on the following criteria:

_____creativity

_____neatness/quality

_____knowledge of your tribe

_____variety of materials used

Step 3: Write 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 17th.**

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 13, 2022.

Student Name _____

Native American Tribe Name _____