Native Americans of the Northern Plains



Key Stage 1 & 2

National Curriculum area: Geography, History, Art Length of session: 75 minutes Maximum group size: 32



Session Outline

In this guided tour round the Museum find out how nations of the Northern Plains used to live and how some traditions continue today.

Activity 1 Life on the Plains

Pupils find out what life used to be like on the Northern Plains in an illustrated introductory session.

Activity 2 Guided tour

Pupils are taken on an interactive guided tour of Native American objects round the Museum, including some object handling. Please organise groups to have a ratio of one Education Guide to every pupils.

Activity 3 Museum Activity

Pupils find and draw objects which people of the Northern Plains might pack when moving camp to follow the bison.

Learning Outcomes

- Understand how nations of the Northern Plains used to live, hunting bison and living in tipis
- Explore the close relationship between the Plains people and their environment
- Appreciate how objects can tell us about people and their identity, and how traditions continue today

Pre visit activities

Look on a map to see where the Northern Plains are in the USA and Canada.

Find out how nations of the Northern Plains used to live, for example, the Blackfoot, Crow and Sioux. To discover more about Blackfoot culture look at: www. glenbow.org/blackfoot/#

Find out about the environment of the Northern Plains.

Post visit activities

Research how nations of the Northern Plains were removed from their lands and relocated.

Explore traditional stories of a particular nation such as the Blackfoot: www.glenbow.org/ blackfoot/#

Ask pupils to design an animal pattern representing their own family or school identity.



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