

iCONN Learning Activity

Native Americans

Level: Elementary

Task: Students are studying Native American tribes as they lived during the time of westward expansion. Students are each asked to select a tribe from a list provided by the teacher and research the history of the people, specifically, what life was like for the children. Students are then asked to compare and contrast that way of life with their own, with at least two similarities and two differences.

Research Question: In what ways was the life of Native American children similar and different from mine?

Content Area(s): Social Studies

State Content Standard(s):

Social Studies:

Standard 2. Local, United States and World History

Students will use historical thinking skills to develop an understanding of the major historical periods, issues and trends in United States history and Connecticut and local history.

iCONN database(s): *InfoTrac Junior Edition, Discovering Collection, Kids InfoBits*

Search Strategy:

1. Go to <http://www.iconn.org/>
2. If the list of databases is not already showing, click on “Select iCONN resources”
3. Open *InfoTrac Junior Edition*
4. Enter the name of your tribe (For example, *Sioux Indians*) in the search box
5. Click *Find*
6. Click on *See Dakotas (Native American People)*
7. Click on *View* next to the types of resources available (for example, *Encyclopedia excerpts, periodical references, or related subjects*)
8. Click on the article’s title (or on *Check Out*) to read an article

Alternate Search Strategy:

1. Go to <http://www.iconn.org/>
2. If the list of databases is not already showing, click on “Select iCONN resources”
3. Open *InfoTrac Junior Edition*
4. Select *Keyword Search*
5. Enter the *name of the tribe* you are studying (For example, *Sioux*) in the search box
6. Check *Sort results by relevance*
7. Click *Find* (or hit ENTER)
8. Scan the results list for articles that relate to the tribe you are researching

9. Click on the article's title (or on *Check Out*) to read an article

Adaptations for Differentiated Learning:

Search Strategy:

1. Go to <http://www.iconn.org/>
2. If the list of databases is not already showing, click on "Select iCONN resources"
3. Open *Kids InfoBits*
4. Enter *Sioux* in the search box
5. Click *SEARCH*
6. Under *Sioux*, click on *SEE Dakotas (Native Americans)*
7. Under *Dakotas (Native Americans)*, click on *View* for a list of resources
8. *Reference* resources are returned first with the *type of resource* indicated to the right of the citation and the *reading level* to the left
9. Click on the title of an article to read it
10. Click on any *active (highlighted) tab* for other types of resources
11. Click on the titles of articles to read them

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1. Go to <http://www.iconn.org/>
2. If the list of databases is not already showing, click on "Select iCONN resources"
3. Open *Discovering Collection*
4. Click on *Topic Trees from* the search path bar
5. Click on the *Cultures* button.
6. Select *Native Americans*
7. *Reference* documents are returned first, with the *type of resource* indicated to the right of the citation and the *reading level* to the left
8. Click on a title to read it
9. Click on any *active (highlighted) tab* for other types of resources, in this case, *Multimedia*
10. Click on titles to read or view

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