



Native American Project

Project Due Date: January 30, 2009

We have been studying a very interesting unit about three different types of Native Americans. Each group has unique differences that have helped us get to know our country in a better way. I would like to help your student extend his/her knowledge by studying **one Native American tribe of their choice found in any region of the United States**. Each student is required to complete **two assignments** for this project. The first is to make a shadow box depicting information regarding the tribe's homeland. Second, write a letter to me from a tribe member sharing specific facts about their tribe.

Shadow Box Project:

Think about:

- *the appearance of this Native American people (what did they wear?)
- *surrounding area (desert, mountains, prairies...)
- *housing (tipi, long house, hogan...)
- *animals found in the area (buffalo, fish, sheep, coyote...)
- *art work (totem pole, sand painting, blankets...)
- *natural resources (water, trees, food, plants...)

Directions:

Find a shoebox of any size and begin planning how to decorate the box to look like the homeland of this tribe. The box should stand tilted on its side. Use the walls of the inside of the box to **clearly** show the surrounding area. Also, you can use the walls to draw animals, natural resources, art work, and the Native American people. **A model of their housing will be required.** It should sit on the inside bottom of the shoe box. This model must be attached to the box. If desired, you may create or use additional models for your shadow box. Create a sign that hangs from the top of the box with the name of the tribe on it.

The Letter:

Find information on:

- *name of the tribe
- *location of the tribe (name of state/s, use N,W,E,S to describe as well)
- *date the tribe was in existence (1600's...)
- *food
- *housing
- *clothing
- *art work
- *ceremonies
- *animals

Directions:

You are writing a letter **from a member of the tribe** you have chosen (chief, medicine man, man, woman, or child) **to me**. This letter should include information that would normally be found in a report, but in letter writing style. This will be a fun way for you to put yourself in the place of a Native American!

The parts of a letter:

Heading should include; a made up name of a member of the tribe, a made up address, a possible modern day city name of where the tribe was located, the current state name and possible zip code. The date can be a made up month and day, but the year must be close.

EXAMPLE:

Chief Barking Dog
555 Hot Desert Road
Phoenix, Arizona 99234
August 3, 1650

Greeting should be to Mrs. Bressler.

Body should include factual information about the ideas above. This letter should be at least a page in length. Remember to indent under the "r" on your first sentence. Sentence structure and grammar should be checked.

Closing

Signature