



THE MASTER'S SCHOOL

Grade 5
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Summer Assignment



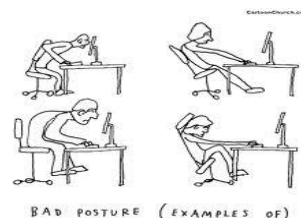
Welcome to the fifth grade! I am so glad that I will be your teacher this fall. Before school begins, I'd like you to do some reading and research to prepare you for the first week of school. Your work is due Friday, September 6, 2019.

1. Native North American or First Nation summer **reading** and **research**. Go to your library, and go online (not Wikipedia please) and discover your favorite nation and read, read, read.
2. Keep a list of what you read and where you found it (a **bibliography**) of your Native North American research.
3. Write or type **responses** to my questions (below).
4. **Illustrate** your favorite nation's home and surroundings.
5. Design a t-shirt and with permanent markers, draw on the back of a plain **t-shirt** what you learned about your favorite nation that was most interesting to you. (Ex: animals, type of home, symbols, pottery, canoes etc.). Write your nation's name on the front. Be as artistic as you'd like to be. (To be worn on September 6th.)

6. Design a **Reading log** listing books, magazines, books on CD that you read in the summer other than your Native North American work and rate any books read using stars (****excellent, ***good, **ok, *nope!) Remember to include the author's name and genre in your log.

Here are more details!

The Native North American reading/research assignment is a combination of an **independent** and a **family** project. As long as you, the fifth grader, do some of the reading independently and all of the writing independently, parents and other family members may join in and be a part of the research and learning too! By the end of the summer you will be very knowledgeable about your favorite nation!



After a visit to your local library and checking online, choose your favorite Native American Nation. Since we will be taking a look at the different people groups who lived in the United States during the 1800's, we will begin with studying Native North Americans (Alaska will not be a part of the study). The following questions will be important for you to answer this summer so that you will be well prepared in the fall.

1. Write or type a neat sentence or two explaining why the nation you chose is your favorite:

2. Where did your nation live? (States or territories in the 1800's)?

3. List jobs and responsibilities of each family member

4. List the animals that lived in the area of your nation

5. List the foods that your nation ate (animals, vegetables they might have grown, fruits, grains). Be very specific.

6. How were foods prepared? (Example: fire - cooking, sun - drying etc.)

7. What was used for making clothing? What was jewelry made from?
Who usually made these items?

8. Where did your nation get its water supply (what specific rivers, lakes, oceans)?

9. What did the people of your nation use to make tools, weapons, bowls for eating, and utensils? What were these items made of?



10. What natural resources (examples: trees, sand, clay soil, sod) were available to your nation so that they could build the home where they built it?



11. If you have learned something about your nation that is particularly interesting to you and is not included above, please write about it below.

12. Illustrate on a blank sheet of paper, your Native North American nation's shelter including the environment that surrounds it. Write the name/s of their shelter/s and be able to identify specific items if your classmates might not be familiar with what you've drawn.

Bibliography: This will be related to your reading on the Native American Nation of your choice. Keep track of the sources you have used and any movies you have seen related to Native North Americans.

Oh, and if you want to visit a museum...



Roaring Brook Nature Center, Canton, CT (they have an indoor model of a longhouse)

The Institute for American Indian Studies, Museum and Research Center, Washington, CT (Fascinating place)

Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center, Mashantucket, CT (a variety of Native North American nations represented)

National Museum of the American Indian, Washington DC (Incredible!)

Check online for a local pow wow.

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact the Lower School office and they will connect you with me.

Have a wonderful summer!

Mr. Gritter