

Louisiana: Our History, Our Home

Presentations, Quick Notes & Internet Activities

Chapter 5: Louisiana's Native People and Early European Explorers

Summary:

In this lesson, students will learn about Native Americans that lived in Louisiana before the arrival of Europeans using a special purpose map and website sources. They will use their knowledge to create a Wordle word art project to print and share.

Duration: 45-90 minutes

Notes:

- Try a variation on the lesson in which you assign pairs of students to research one of the tribes shown on the map as living in the region of Louisiana.
- Be sure to define “linguistic stock” with your students. This term, used on the map, might be confusing. Use a definition such as: the parent language of group of languages.
- Your students can type their sentences in a word processor such as Microsoft Word. There is an advantage to this since they can save this file, and they cannot save a Wordle file.

Answer Key:

1. to show the location of the Native American tribes and information about the tribe
2. answers will vary with your location
3. answers will vary with your location
4. answers will vary with your location
5. answers will vary with your location

Students should have typed eight to ten facts and included them to create their Wordle. It is recommended that they type the tribe's name in each sentence. This will help to make sure the Wordle website makes the tribe's name large in the word art. Teachers may copy and paste the sentences below to demonstrate the website.

Sample sentences:

The Caddo Indians spoke a Caddoan language from the southern plains.

The Caddo were farmers.

The Caddo farmers grew corn as one important crop.

The Caddo Indians were an Eastern Woodlands tribe.

The Caddo had a variety of dances such as the Duck Dance, the Alligator Dance, and the Bear Dance.

The Caddo Indians lived along the Brazos, Trinity, Neches, Sabine, Red, and Ouachita rivers.

The Caddo in Louisiana today are a small tribe.

The Caddo in Louisiana called themselves Kadohadacho.

The meaning of the word Kadohadacho is not known. It might mean “True Chiefs.”

The Caddo chiefs led a council.

The eastern Caddo in Louisiana built tall beehive-shaped grass houses.

