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Chapter 7: West Virginia's First People

Native Peoples and their History

Directions: In this lesson, you will learn about some of the Native American tribes that lived in West Virginia before the Europeans arrived.

Part I: Tribes in the West Virginia Region

Click the links to see some special purpose maps. Examine the maps carefully, and then answer the questions that follow.

Tribes of the Indian Nation Map

Early Indian Tribes - East

Early Indian Tribes -West

1. What is the purpose of the maps?

2. What tribe(s) lived to nearest you? Click here if you need a modern map for reference.

3. What was the parent language of the tribe?

4. Were they considered a "minor" or "major" tribe?

5. What was their "culture area?"

Part II: Making a Word Cloud

Now let's learn some additional facts about this Native American group. Use the links below, along with the map, to find eight to ten facts about the tribe. Record these in sentence form on the back of this page. Your school may have additional sources of information, as well.

West Virginia Indian Tribes

You will use these sentences later to create a word cloud. These are "word art" creations based on text. Each sentence should start with or include the tribe from your research (see samples). Your teacher may assign a different tribe to you for your word cloud.

Write your sentences here:

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To create your word cloud, go to <u>http://www.wordclouds.com/</u>. Click the **Wizard** link, then "Type or Paste text", then put in your sentences. You can type your sentences in a word processor first, and then copy and paste them into the box. Either way, when you are done, follow the next steps to edit your word cloud.

You'll notice that some words are larger than others. That's because the website checks your text and makes words larger if they are used more often. You can go to the "Word List" and try larger or smaller numbers to change the size of each word. Also, try the **Font**, **Colors**, and **Shape** menu items to change the look of your word cloud. Also, you may need to drag the +/- slider to the left to make all of your words visible. Print your word cloud when you are satisfied with it.

Share your word cloud with a classmate or your teacher. Discuss the ways in which the large words represent key ideas about the tribe. This example was made from a list of West Virginia tribes.

