

NAME: _____ DATE: _____ PERIOD: _____

Directions

In this assignment, you will be asked to read a number of sources on a well-known American Indian tribe, and then write a formal paper on that tribe.

TERM PAPER ASSIGNMENT: NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES



In this assignment, you are encouraged to do an in-depth study of an American Indian tribe. Your choices are as follows:

**Arapaho | Cherokee | Iroquois | Pawnee | Kiowa | Sioux (Lakota) |
Cheyenne | Nez Perce | Comanche | Apache | Blackfoot | Seminole | Ute |
Navaho | Hopi | Crow | Pawnee |**

You are welcome to choose another Native American tribe, but please clear it with me first.

TRIBAL TERM PAPER INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Title page** - to include the name of the tribe, your name, and the date.
2. **Works Cited page** - to be printed on a separate sheet of paper at the end of the report.
 - a. You must use at least three (3) good sources, only ONE of which can be an encyclopedia (either electronic or print.) More than three sources are encouraged.

b. Class notes are not an acceptable source. Films are not an acceptable source. Dictionaries are not acceptable sources.

c. **The Works Cited page must follow a very specific format. Please obtain a separate sheet for instructions.**

3. **Length** - report must be long enough to cover the topic well - at minimum - four (4) typed pages. You are expected to use your own words and not copy your sources. Papers suspected of plagiarism may be returned to the student for revision.

5. The report is to cover the areas listed below:

a. An **introductory paragraph** explaining why this tribe is important historically.

b. **Geographic location** of the tribe. Include a hand-drawn map.

c. A description of the **physical appearance** and **distinctive apparel** of the tribal members. Include at least one hand-drawn picture.

d. A description of the **culture** and way of life of this particular tribe (i.e. religion, music, tribal organization, food, lodging, etc.)

e. A summary of the history of their **relationship with the Anglo-Americans** and how they came to be placed on the reservation by the U.S. government.

f. Capsule summaries of at least two of the most **famous members** of that tribe.

g. An analysis of the tribe to include:

1.) In your opinion, what is the **most interesting** thing they ever did?

Why?

2.) What do you **admire most** about this tribe? Why?

3.) What **three questions** would you ask a member of this tribe if you could somehow talk to them today?

h. A **concluding paragraph** summarizing your tribe and what you have learned about them.

STANDARDS FOR GRADING THIS TRIBAL TERM PAPER:

GRADE C:

1. The requirements for a C are the same as for a B except that there are one or two errors or omissions that would prevent the student from getting a B.

GRADE B:

1. Paper is carefully written and shows a reasonable level of understanding of the tribe chosen.

2. Paper has all the required components listed in the above instructions. Paper may show one minor error or omission in the required list as long as the Works Cited page is done properly.

3. Paper is carefully proofread with no more than six typos or spelling errors.

GRADE A:

1. Paper shows outstanding effort and analysis as well as an exceptional overall understanding of the tribe. Paper must show no evidence of plagiarism or copying.

2. Paper meets all the requirements for a "B" as well as the following additions:

a. Paper is carefully proofread with no more than three typos or spelling errors.

b. Paper is word-processed, and has a cover and title page