

Directions

NAME: _____ DATE: _____ PERIOD: _____

In this assignment, you will examine a website and look carefully at a number of photographs. Please write your responses on your own sheet of paper. All responses are to be written in complete sentences.

WEB ASSIGNMENT: THE PLAINS INDIAN WAR SHIRT

Go to the following website:

<http://www.artsmia.org/beauty-honor-tradition/>

This website is from a museum in Minnesota that featured a number of Indian Shirts from the collections of the Smithsonian Museum. Not only are the shirts beautiful and artistic, but you can learn a great deal about Native American history here as well.

Click on the link that says "Exhibition Preview". You will see a number of links on this page with titles like "Shirts of Distinction" and "Shirts of Power". Each link features one or two shirts at the bottom of the page. Click on each shirt, and read the text that goes with it. Many of the shirts have detail images that need to be clicked as well. Be sure to look at each one. When you are finished (it will take a while) answer the following questions:

PART I: SHORT ANSWER SECTION:

1. Which tribe featured beadwork with pastel colors like powder blue and pink?
2. Explain the difference between the shirts of the North Plains and the Southern Plains shirts:
3. Find the shirt with four big "X's" on the shirrtail. What do the "X's" stand for?



4. What is the difference between a “pony bead” and a “seed bead”? Where were such beads usually made?
5. What is a “ribbon shirt” and how is it different from all the rest seen here?
6. How did the Plains Indians use porcupine quills to decorate their shirts?
7. Why did the Plains Indians sometimes use human hair to decorate their shirts?
8. What is “stroud cloth” and how did it get its name? What is the color of the stroud cloth featured on the one shirt that used it?
9. To wear a beaded and decorated leather shirt was a mark of honor and distinction. What did the warrior have to do to earn the right to wear such a shirt?
9. What would happen to a warrior who wore a war shirt but was seen behaving in a cowardly way while wearing it?

PART III: ESSAY SECTION:

After going through this whole website, write a well-composed fourteen sentence essay on the topic shown below:

- ***Summarize what you learned about American Indians by looking at this website. Be sure to be detailed and specific. What was your favorite part of the exhibit? Why?***

STANDARDS FOR GRADING THIS WEB ASSIGNMENT:

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. The report answers all of the short answer questions in complete sentences.
2. The short answer section shows only minor factual errors.
3. The essay question (or questions) are of proper length and written in complete sentences.
4. The essay question addresses the topic clearly.
5. Paper is neatly written and carefully proofread with no more than four typos or spelling errors.

GRADE A:

1. The report meets all the requirements for a “B”.
2. The essay question (or questions) shows outstanding effort and analysis as well as an exceptional overall understanding of the topic.
3. The report is carefully proofread with no more than two typos or spelling errors.
4. The report is word-processed.