



Activity Packet
Native Americans

Did you know the first people in Ohio were Native Americans? The Native Americans that lived in our region were known as the Woodland Indians and they lived in this area for thousands of years.

The Woodland Indians lived in wigwams or longhouses and would have grown crops and hunted meat for food. Even though Native Americans are well known for making or creating all their tools and possessions out of materials found in nature, when Europeans arrived in the area, Native Americans began trading for items they couldn't make themselves, such as dishes and ready-made clothing. Instead of letters and numbers, Native Americans used pictographs to communicate with others and record ideas and events.

Explore the history of Native Americans through word scrambles, word puzzles, connect the dots, and more!

In 1803, more than 40 different Native American tribes lived in this region. Collectively, they were known as Woodland Indians.

Put the names of some of the tribes that lived in this region in alphabetical order.

Kickapoo

Miami

Ottawa

Erie

Shawnee

Wyandot

Ohio Seneca

Delaware

Native Americans hunted animals for food and would have used the whole animal. For example, they would have hunted deer and eaten the meat, used the antlers for rakes or trowels, used the hide for a clothing or blanket, etc. The rest of the animal would have been used too. Can you unscramble these wildlife animal words that Native Americans were known to hunt and use?

reba _____

reveab _____

trtule _____

kksun _____

oteyoc _____

muoosp _____

bbrait _____

rede _____

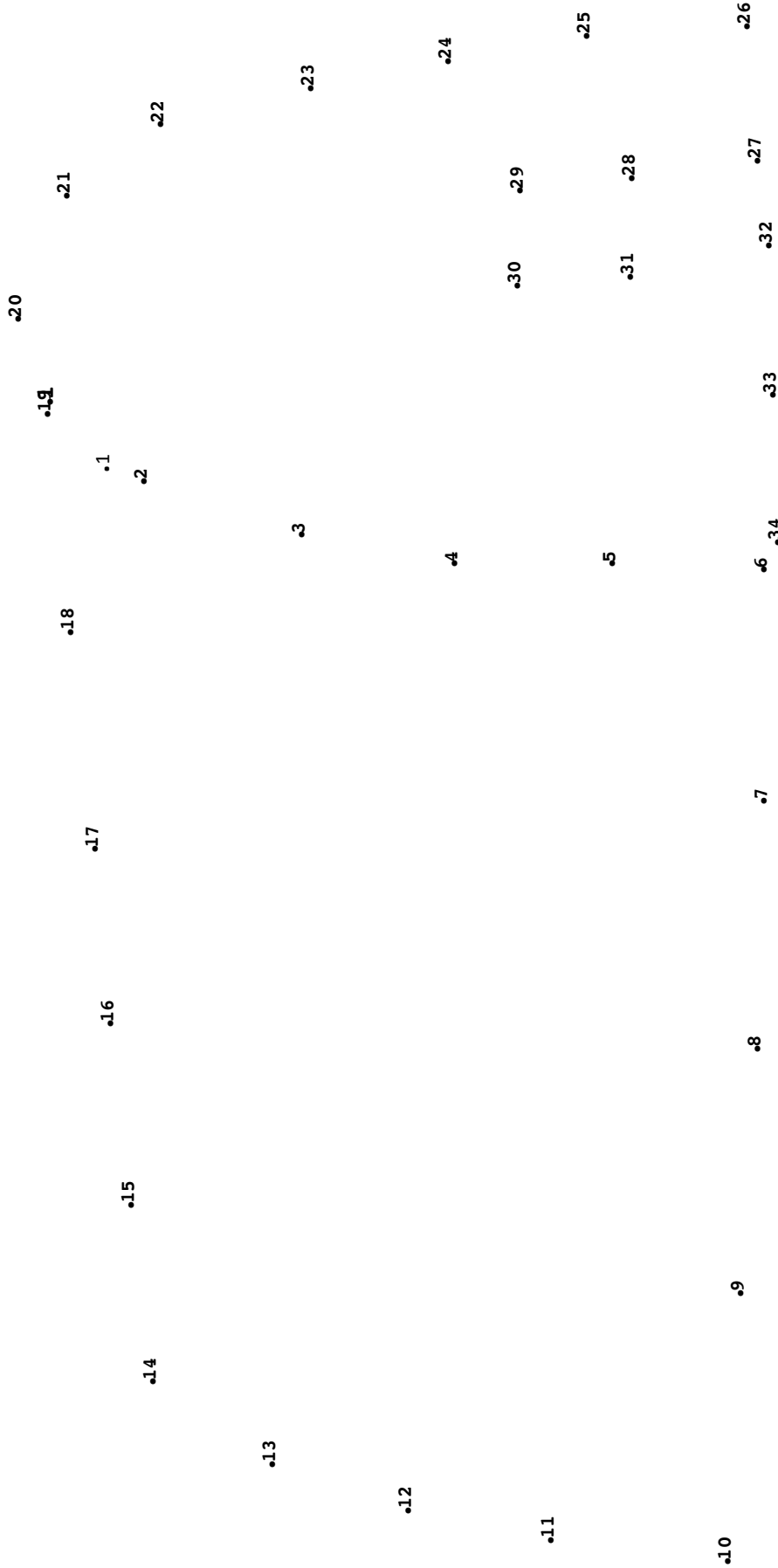
shif _____

Word Bank on page 10

Connect the dots to reveal special pictures!

Turn to the next page to learn about this picture.

What is it?



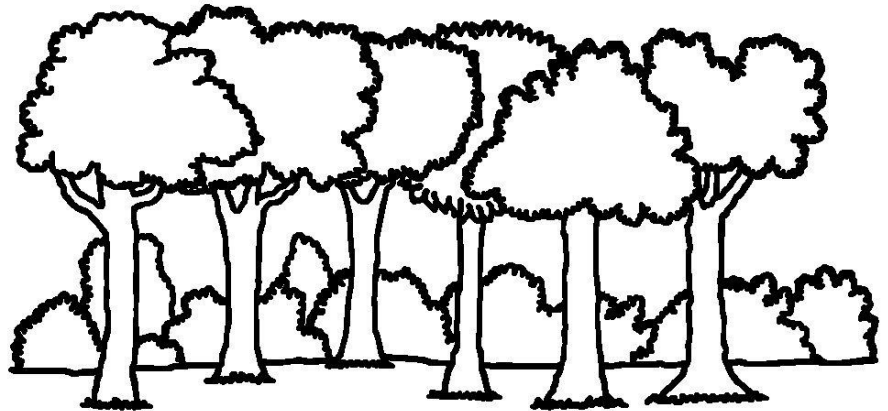
The dot to dot shows a picture of a longhouse.

Woodland Indians lived in wigwams or longhouses, *not* teepees (tipis). Teepees were tall cone shaped houses used by tribes in the Western United States.

Wigwams were wider and curved on the top with supports made from saplings (small branches) and tied together with sinew (the tendons of animals resembling string). The home was commonly covered with birch bark or animal skins. A fire pit was in the middle for warmth and cooking with sleeping mats around the sides. Wigwams were smaller versions of longhouses. A longhouse could have been up to 200 feet long with 20 people living inside!

Draw a longhouse or wigwam in the picture below. Search the internet for a picture of a wigwam or longhouse to get an idea of what a real one may have looked like.

What else will you add to your picture?



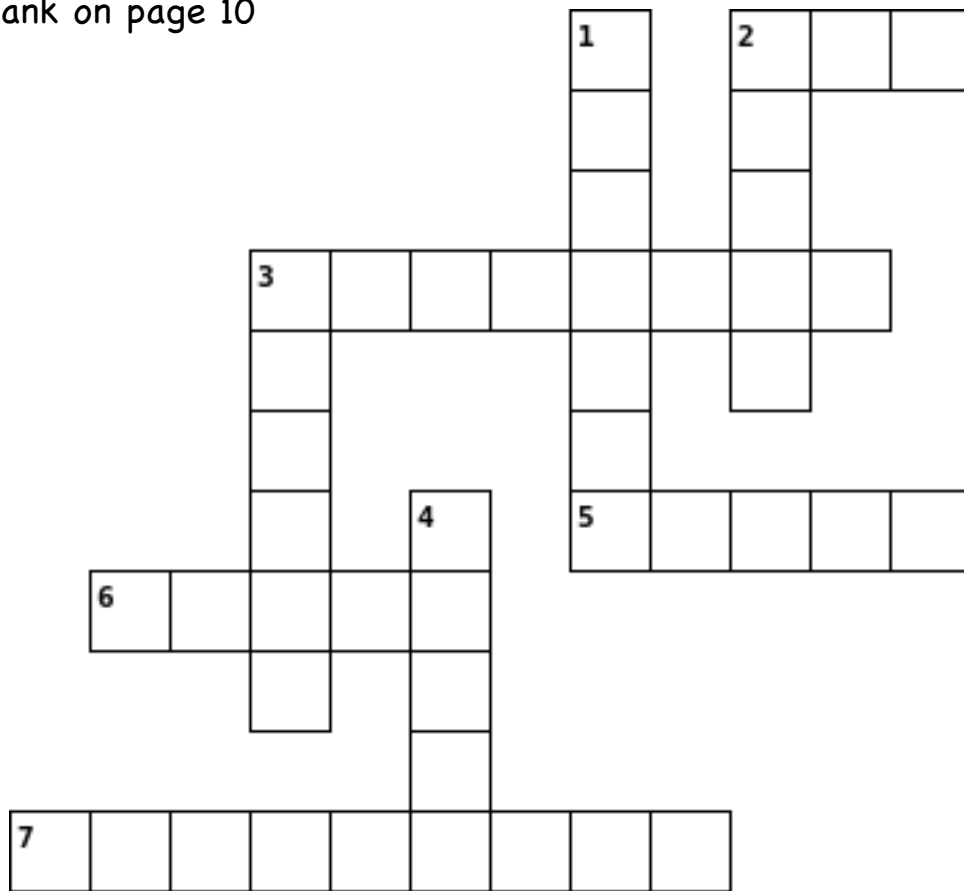
How many words can you find below?

F L I N T D I L G Y
G W H E W G S H O E
C I F A I W I S U N
L B N C G H N W R A
A R R O W H E A D S
Y O Y B A C W U S J
P E P O M I L L U F
O T B A S K E T S U
T G E S R A O U B R
T M O C C A S I N S

arrowheads
baskets
clay pots
flint
furs
gourds
moccasins
sinew
wigwam

Native Americans Crossword Puzzle

Word Bank on page 10



Across

2. type of European trader that exchanged items in Native lands
3. _____ Indians, the name of the group of Native Americans who lived in the Northwest Ohio region for centuries
5. part of an animal's tendon that was used like string
6. The Great _____ Swamp, the wetland ecosystem that covered a large part of Northwest Ohio
7. a type of leather shoe made and worn by Native Americans

Down

1. parts of a deer that may have been used for a rake or trowel
2. rock sharpened and used as an axe or to start fires
3. type of home Woodland Indians would have lived in
4. parts of animals the Natives would trade to the Europeans in exchange for man-made items, such as beads or dishes

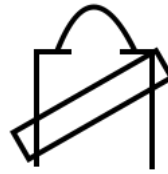
Native American tribes did not use written word to record information like we do today. Instead, they used pictures, called pictographs, to represent words, phrases, or ideas. They may have painted or carved these pictographs on rock, hides, or even their homes. Just like we do today, Native Americans would have recorded important events, plans, ideas, maps, etc. Check out some symbols that may have been used by Native Americans in our region thousands of years ago.



Village



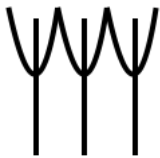
Chief



Hungry



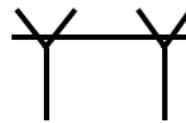
Days (2)



Forest



Mountain



No food



Plenty of food



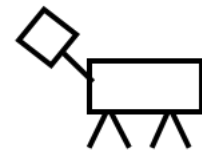
Beaver



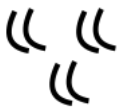
Deep snow



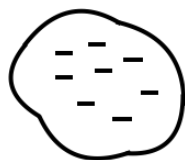
Night - Day



Journey



Tracks



Many fish



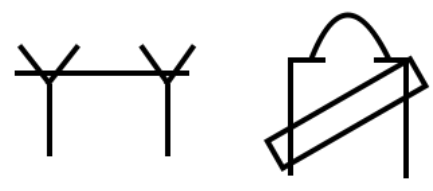
Fish



River

Using the pictographs on the previous page, try and figure out what the pictures are saying.

Write your answer on the line and check your answers on page 11.









Show your own ideas or events below using the pictographs on page 8.
What story will you tell?

Word Banks

Page 3 Word Scramble

bear
beaver
coyote
deer
fish
opossum
rabbit
skunk
turtle

Page 7 Crossword Puzzle

antlers
black
flint
fur
moccasins
sinew
skins
wigwam
Woodland

Pictograph page 9

1. No food, hungry
2. Chief saw animal tracks in village.
3. We fished at the river day and night.
4. We journeyed two days through mountains and forests.

Answer Key

ABC Order

Delaware
 Erie
 Kickapoo
 Miami
 Ohio Seneca
 Ottawa
 Shawnee
 Wyandot

Unscramble Answers

bear
 beaver
 turtle
 skunk
 coyote
 opossum
 rabbit
 deer
 fish

Connect the Dots

Longhouse

Crossword Answers

Across

2. fur
3. Woodland
5. sinew
6. Black
7. moccasins

Down

1. antlers
2. flint
3. wigwam
4. skins

Word Find

F	L	I	N	T				G	
				W		S		O	
C				I		I		U	
L				G		N		R	
A	R	R	O	W	H	E	A	D	S
Y				A		W		S	
P				M					F
O		B	A	S	K	E	T	S	U
T									R
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