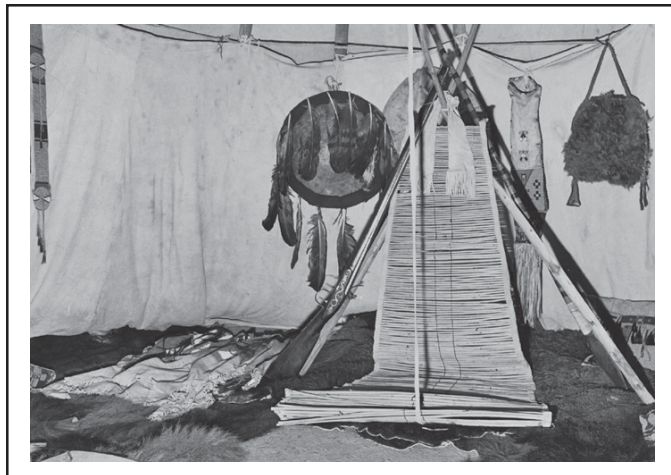




Plains Indians

Suggested Post-visit Activity

These activities are tied into the Missouri, Illinois, and national standards for Social Studies and Language Arts.



Lesson Overview

Students will interpret a message written in Plains Indian pictograph form and create their own message using a similar system of images.

Objectives

The object of this activity is to help students to gain greater insight into ways American Indians living on the Great Plains during the 1800s communicated.

Description

Students will decipher the pictograph message on page 3 using the legend below the message. Students will then create their own pictograph message using similar signs and symbols.

Pictograph Activity

SIGNS FROM THE PAST

Some Plains Indian tribes used written symbols similar to record significant events. These symbols helped people who spoke different languages to communicate important information about themselves and the world around them.

COOPERATIVE LEARNING AND PICTOGRAPH ACTIVITY

Divide students into pairs. Have them decipher the pictograph on page 19, using the key below the spiral of symbols. Begin in the center and read outward. When finished reading, have students share their interpretations and compare their findings.

Next, have student work individually to develop their own pictograph to share with the rest of the class. It should tell a story, give directions, or relay some short bit of information familiar to the rest of the class. When finished, have students exchange pictographs and try to decipher one another's work.

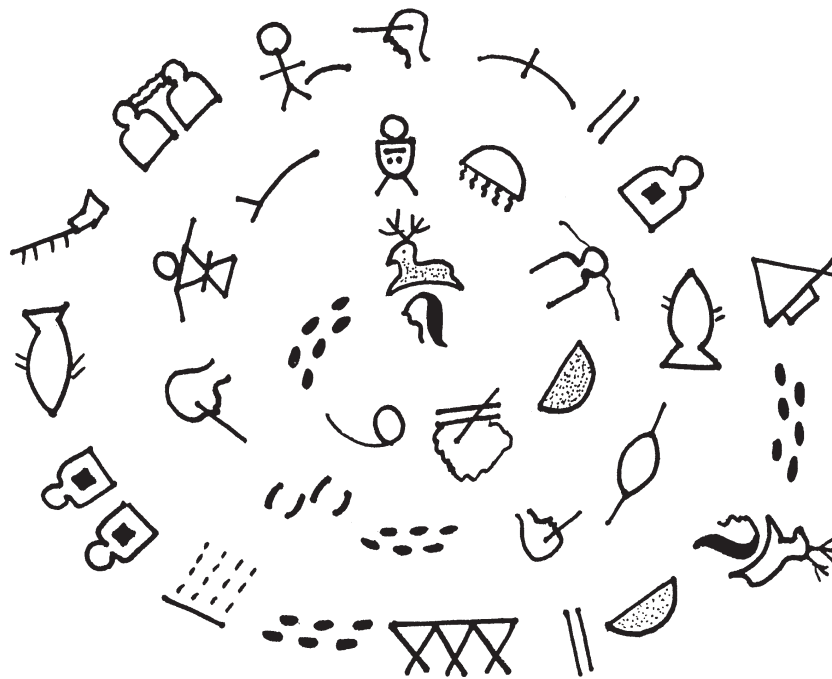
CRITICAL THINKING
























How do the signs and symbols on today's maps or other places differ from traditional Plains Indian pictographs?

In what ways do signs and symbols relay what we want to say?

Where else in our lives do we use signs and symbols?

What would it be like if we could only communicate using signs and symbols?



 BEAR	 CAMP	 DAY	 DEER TRACK	 EATS	 ENCAMP- MENT
 FEAR	 FISH	 HEARS	 HOME	 HUNGRY	 LAKE
 MAN ON HORSEBACK	 MORNING	 NIGHT	 NOON	 CEREMONIAL PIPE	 RAIN
 RESTS	 SEE	 SPOTTED ELK	 TALKS	 WALKS	

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