

Native American Village Project

Due date: Tuesday, February 12, 2018

Project guidelines:

1. Villages may be made with any materials you wish to use. Be creative.
2. Begin with a river. Most villages were located near a river or stream for transportation, fishing, and good farming.
3. Place a long thin "farm" area near the river. Native Americans farmed near the rivers where soil was rich from occasional floods. Only women and girls tended the fields and harvested.
4. Village houses were placed safely out of the way of river floods. They were usually built on a hill. There should be a trail from the river through the village.
5. **Historic Ohio tribes did not live in teepees.** They lived in wigwams, log cabins or longhouses. A wigwam is a round house made of bent poles with pieces of bark tied on the outside. Longhouses were made of logs with rounded bark roofs. The log houses were made in the pioneer cabin style. Your village should have one of these types of shelter.
6. Create a forest of trees outside the village. The trees should be leafy trees. Few needle-bearing trees grew wild in Ohio during this time period.
7. In the forest place some animals that were often hunted by Ohio tribes, including deer, bear, and turkey. Men of the tribe did the hunting.
8. You may also place some of the following things in your village: baskets, fishnet, tobacco pipe, moccasins, bows and arrows, fur robes, and meat on a spit over an outdoor fire. **There is no need to add people to your village but you may if you wish.**
9. Projects should be no bigger than a poster board.

These directions and photos of past projects are up on my website.

There will be a written portion that will be assigned later in order to give students time to focus on building their model.

Have fun!!

Parent and student sign and Return_____

(Bottom portion only. Students should keep the guidelines for themselves.)

Name_____

Native American Village Rubric

<p>Farm and River: A river is located near the village. Next to the river is a farm with crops grown by Native Americans (corn, beans, squash). 8 pts</p>	
<p>Village: The village is near the river but safely away from floods. The village has at least one of the types of houses (wigwam, longhouse, or loghouse). Other extras are found in the village such as baskets, fish net, tobacco pipe, moccasins, bows and arrows, fur robes, and meat on a spit over an outdoor fire. 15 pts.</p>	
<p>Forest: There is a forest located near the village with animals that were hunted by Native Americans. 7 pts</p>	
<p>Creativity: You demonstrate creativity and care in your village. You stay within the size limit of a poster board (22 in by 25 in) or less. 5 pts</p>	