

Pre-Columbian Culture Activity

Chapter 1 American Pageant Text

Students will be divided into three groups. Each group will research one culture (to be assigned by me.)

1's - Pueblo's (Anasazi)

2's - Choctaw

3's - Iroquois

Your group will research these cultures and present your findings to the class as part of a class discussion. You should examine the following aspects of your assigned culture:

a. Social Structure

1. How is the society organized?
2. Is it communal or hierarchical?
3. Is it matrilineal or patrilineal?

b. Political Structure / Leadership

1. Who has power?
2. How are tribal decisions made?
3. What role do religious leaders play in decisions?

c. Economic Subsistence and trade

1. How did they survive? Agriculture or hunter – gatherer
2. Did they trade with other groups? Who?

d. Dwellings - what were they like?

Your answers to these questions should be written on a sheet of paper. While you may have many sheets of paper as you work, the answers should be written on one sheet to turn in.