Native Peoples of WI

Discovery Box Overview and Contents

Overview

People have lived in Wisconsin for thousands of years. Prior to Europeans, indigenous people made their homes and families here. How did they live? What did they leave behind? What kind of homes did they live in? This discovery box contains items to help your class explore what life was like before Europeans arrived and learn how Wisconsin's First Nations lived.

Key Points

- Where did places like Waukesha get their name
- Indigenous people before the Woodland Period
- Woodland Cultures
- Effigy Mound Cultures
- Indigenous People of the Great Lakes Region and Wisconsin around 1600
- Wigwams and Longhouses
- Hunting and Tools
- Leather Items
- Talking Sticks
- Getting Around: Snowshoes and Canoes
- Bark Baskets, Gathering and Farming
- Pottery
- Games and Storytelling
- Activities

Contents:

Objects:		
Beaded Belt or Necklace	Birch Bark Basket	Birch Bark Pieces
Bone Awl (tool)	Bone Scraper (tool)	Clay Marbles
Deer Pelt	Dice Game	Dried Corn, heirloom variety
Leather Moccasins	Leather Purse	Pin and Stick Game with red beads

Pin and Stick Game with red beads and bone beads	Raccoon Pelt	Skunk Pelt
Stone Spear Points	Stone tool head	Tanned Leather Piece Brown
Tanned Leather Piece White	Book Discovering Waukesha	
Teaching Aides – Photos -Extinct Animals of North America Paleo-Era Hunting -Longhouse Exterior -Archaic Period Settlement -Longhouse Interior -Hunting with Spear & Atlatl -Indigenous Man w/Bow & Arrow -Algonquin Tribal Village -Socketed-tang points -Effigy mound region map		-Carroll College Mounds -Ojibwe Family in Canoe -Effigy Mound in Merton -Birch Bark Basket -Potawatomi Indians -Three Sisters Crops (2) -Replica of Wigwam -Ceramic Bowl -Replica Wigwam Framework Native Dwellings in US -Lacrosse Stick

Teaching Aides – Photos (32)

- Mound Shape Guessing Game

-Prehistoric Native Peoples Mound Maze

-Artifact Detective

-Indigenous Peoples Pictograph Stories

-Indigenous Peoples Storytelling

-First Nation Place Names Activity

-My Identity Activity