

Native Americans of the Arctic



Pre Lesson Plan 2 / SS

Age: Grades 6-8

Setting: Classroom

Standards: Geography: 7.3.9 A,B
Geography: 7.4.9 A
History: 8.3.9 A

Objectives: Students will be able to:

- Explain how the Eskimos adapt to the Arctic
- Consider the cultures of the tribes of the Arctic
- Analyze why the Native Americans stay in the Arctic

Overview: Students will list things they know about the Eskimos of the Arctic. From that list students will have to create a poster that shows five adaptations that help the Eskimos survive the harsh conditions of the Arctic. After the posters are completed each student must present their poster to the class. They must explain the adaptations to the class. The class should compare how the adaptations can be compared to the animal adaptations. The class should also discuss why the Native Americans want to stay in such a harsh environment. Finally, the lesson may be reinforced with a National Geographic video on Eskimos.

Materials:

- 12 x 18 white construction paper
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Textbook
- Computers with internet (if available)
- Whiteboard or Chalkboard
- VCR and Television
- National Geographic Video: *Braving Alaska*

Procedure:

1. Compile a list of what students know about Eskimos.
2. Students should use their textbook and/or internet for research.
3. Students should present their adaptations.
4. Class should compare animal and human adaptations in the Arctic.
5. Class should discuss why the Eskimos continue to exist in Alaska.
6. Watch the 60-minute video, *Braving Alaska*.

Assessment: Grade Posters
Observe discussion
Quiz or essay on the video