

Teachers Answer Key - American Indian Tribes of Texas Lesson

Warm-up

- <u>Day 1</u>: (1) Great Plains (2) Coastal Plains (3) Mountains & Basins (4) North Central Plains
- <u>Day 2:</u> Answers will vary.

Lesson

Caddo:

- o <u>Food:</u> Primarily farmers: Corn, beans, squash.
- o Shelter: Large, grass huts.
- o Mobility: Sedentary.
- <u>Culture:</u> Answers may include: Large family groups, pottery making, ceremonies, trading for turquoise, building large mounds for celebrations
- o Region: Coastal Plains.

Wichita:

- o <u>Food:</u> Primarily farmers: Corn, beans, squash. Some hunting: deer, bison.
- o <u>Shelter:</u> Large, grass huts.
- o Mobility: Sedentary.
- <u>Culture:</u> Answers may include: painting or tattooing around the eyes,
 "Raccoon-Eyed People," living in large family groups, joined with other tribes in a confederacy.
- o Region: Coastal Plains.

• Atakapa:

- o Food: Hunters and fishers. Alligator, fish.
- o Shelter: Small grass huts.
- o Mobility: Nomadic.
- <u>Culture:</u> Possibly ritual cannibalism, using alligator oil for insect repellant, breech cloths and clothes made from buffalo skins, men renaming themselves after the birth of their first son.
- o Region: Coastal Plains.

Karankawa

- o <u>Food:</u> Hunter/gatherers and fishers: fish, turtles, plants.
- Shelter: small grass and mud huts called wigwams.
- o Mobility: Semi-nomadic, sometimes sedentary.
- <u>Culture:</u> Answers may include: Name possibly meant "dog-lover" for domesticating and keeping coyote-fox hybrids, making dug-out canoes from trees, breech cloths, painting their bodies, "mitotes" celebrations with dancing and wrestling.





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o Region: Coastal Plains.

Coahuiltecan

- Food: Hunter/gather, farmers: prickly pear fruit, pecans, acorns, and roots.
 They hunted deer, armadillo, rabbits, lizards, snakes.
- Shelter: Unknown, possibly small mud huts similar to other Coastal Plains tribes.
- o Mobility: Unstated, but likely semi-nomadic due to hunting and farming.
- <u>Culture:</u> Composed of hundreds of smaller tribes sharing similar languages and cultures, but not much is known about them.
- o Region: Coastal Plains.

Comanche

- o Food: Hunters/Gatherers: buffalo.
- o Shelter: buffalo hide tipis.
- o Mobility: Nomadic.
- <u>Culture</u>: Called themselves "Numinu" or the People, powerful tribe and fierce warriors, excellent with horses, used buffalo to make shelter, weapons, tools, and jewelry, lived in democratic societies where the elected leaders. Arrived in Texas later than most other tribes.
- o Region: Great Plains.

Apache

- o <u>Food:</u> Hunter/gatherers: buffalo, rabbit, sheep, beans, seeds, roots, squash.
- o Shelter: buffalo skin tipis and small grass huts called "wikiups."
- o Mobility: Nomadic.
- <u>Culture:</u> Made "tiswin" beer from corn, decorated clothing with paint and beads, used buffalo for clothing and shoes, arrived in Texas later than many other tribes.
- o Region: Great Plains.

Kiowa

- Food: Hunter/Gatherer: buffalo, deer, rabbits, wild fruits, vegetables, berries.
- o Shelter: buffalo skin tipis.
- o Mobility: Nomadic.
- <u>Culture:</u> Fierce warriors, depended on buffalo for clothes, housing, tools, held Sun Dance ceremonies, religious beliefs included the importance of the sun, kept pictographic calendars for important events – one is called "sett-an."
- o Region: Great Plains.

Iumano

- o <u>Food:</u> Hunters: buffalo, Farmers: corn, beans, and squash.
- Shelter: nomadic bands lived in tipis, sedentary bands lived in adobe pueblos or stick and reed houses.





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- Mobility: Sedentary and nomadic (depending on different bands within the tribe.)
- <u>Culture</u>: Three groups that shared similar language and culture, traders, trading with Spanish when they arrived, painted stripes on their bodies and wore little clothing, nicknames "naked people" and "striped people."
- o Region: Mountains and Basins.

Tigua

- Food: Hunter/Gatherers: Deer, rabbit, antelope, bears, and berries. Farmers:
 Corn, beans, and squash.
- o Shelter: Adobe pueblos.
- o Mobility: Primarily sedentary.
- <u>Culture:</u> Lived in a collection of 13 villages with 200 adobe houses, spoke the Tiwa language, made beautiful hand-painted potter, 4,000 members of the Tigua tribe still live in the U.S. today.
- o Region: Mountains and Basins.

Exit Ticket

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