

**Title**

Where are you?

**Grade Level**

5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Theme**

Road to Recovery

**Duration**

One or more weeks

**Goal**

Students will understand the relationships and forgiveness of the Dakota Culture.

**Objective**

Student will be able to

1. Identify the relationships between Dakotas and Non-Indian people
2. Write a meaningful paragraph about the relationships of Dakotas
3. Research the trip the Dakotas took from Mankato to Crow Creek
4. Identify the route of the Dakota Wokiksuya Memorial Ride

**Common Core Standards**

Writing Standard Grade 5: Text Type and Purposes # 2-Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

Production and Distribution of Writing #7- Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.

**Cultural Concept**

The concept of relationships within the Dakota Culture and how they are related to all of nature.

**Cultural Background**

There was a war that started in August of 1862 between the Dakotas and Minnesota. The war started because of the severe loss of land for the Dakotas and for their lack of food supply. Little Crow and any Indians who decided to follow him then attacked Minnesota. A lot of the Dakotas then went to Camp Release to surrender but Sibley decided to instead capture them. From there many were convicted and dispersed to various locations.

**Student Activities**

1. Students will listen to a brief history of the Dakotas.
2. Students will research why 38 Dakotas were hung in Mankato, MN
3. Students will find the journey of the people not being hung.
4. Students will map out the journey of the non-hung.
5. Students will research the relationships of the Dakotas
6. Students will write a paper and relate the relationships of the Dakotas with the Dakota Wokiksuya Memorial Ride

**Resources**

Computer, map, paper, pencil, books

**Assessment**

Observation, research quality, outline, rough draft, final draft, and map

**Reference**

Anderson, Gary C. (1986). The Last Campaign. *In Little Crow: Spokesman for the Sioux* (pp. 162-179). St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press.

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**Additional Information**

-Can be adapted to any grade level

Teaching to the children:

-According to Anderson in The Last Campaign thirty-eight Dakotas were executed on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 1862. They were all men and to be hung in Mankato, MN. Women, children, and grandparents were sent down the river to various locations. Most people ended their trip in the same location in South Dakota.