

Title

How the world came to be (Lakota Creation Story).

Grade Level

High School, 9th through 12th grade.

Theme

Who did what and how they fit together.

Duration

10-15 hours.

Goal

Students will learn the Lakota creation story, and the interrelationships within the Godhead.

Objectives

1. Students will emulate the oral tradition of the Lakota by both hearing and reciting the creation story.
2. Students will learn the members and interrelationships of the Lakota Godhead.
3. Students will represent at least one aspect of the Lakota creations story in a 3 dimensional medium.

South Dakota Standards

N/A.

Cultural Background

- *Sons of the Wind: The Sacred Stories of the Lakota.*
- View the DVD, *Oceti Sakowin: The people of the Seven Council Fires* (A production of SDPB Television).

Student Activities

1. Students will hear the Lakota creation story as told by Albert White Hat on the PBS DVD, *Oceti Sakowin: The people of the Seven Council Fires*.
2. Students will then read the Lakota creation story to others.
3. Students will create an organizational diagram of the members of the Lakota Godhead, including member names in Lakota and English, along with color designations and titles as appropriate.
4. Students will represent at least one aspect of the Lakota creations story in a 3 dimensional medium.

Resources

- *Oceti Sakowin: The people of the Seven Council Fires*. South Dakota Public Broadcasting DVD.
- *Otokahekaapi (First Beginnings) Sioux Creation Story*. This is a pictorial representation of the Lakota creation story in Lakota and English, to be used in #2 of Student Activities.
- Poster board, colored markers, rulers, pencils.

- Modeling clay, Playdough, construction paper, wire, paper mache materials, balloons, other materials may be required according to the chosen medium of the student.

Assessment

To be determined.

References

Patten, K. (Producer) and Rische, J. (Editor). (2007). *Oceti Sakowin: The people of the Seven Council Fires*. South Dakota Public Broadcasting DVD.

Simms, T. (1987). *Otokahekagapi (First beginnings: Sioux creation story)*. Chamberlain, SD: Tipi Press.

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