Title:

South Dakota Tribes, Reservations and Capitals

Grade Level:

3rd Grade

Theme:

The people and the lands of the *Oceti Śakowiŋ* are sovereign nations. The name *Oceti Śakowiŋ* is a broad group which includes seven smaller groups.

Duration:

One or two, half-hour sessions for each reservation.

Goal:

Students will be able to name the 9 reservations/nations, the capital cities and the tribe of each reservation.

Objectives:

Pupils will:

- 1. learn the difference between capitol with an "o" and capital with an "a".
- 2. learn about the history of the selection of the capital city.
- 3. learn the names of the reservations/nations.
- 4. learn the names of the tribe(s) on each reservation/nation.

SD Standards:

- 3.US.2.1. Students are able to describe characteristics of a community.
- 3.RI.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.
- 3.SL.4 Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace.

Cultural concept:

Each reservation and tribe, as a 'nation,' have their own capital city on their reservation, just as the United States has, as a nation, a capital city located in Washington, D.C., and in the state of South Dakota.

Cultural Background:

There are 9 land areas, which the *Oceti Śakowiŋ* reserved for themselves in the state of South Dakota. Each one of these reservations is "home" to a tribe and is a sovereign nation, in and of itself. One town or village on each reservation is set up as the capital city of that nation/reservation. The geographical location of the land reserved by the people of the *Oceti Śakowiŋ* for their own use is essential for understanding the absolute connectedness of the people to the land, and its importance to them historically and spiritually.

Student Activities:

Students will color, label with name and capital, and cut out scaled outlines of the nine South Dakota reservations. Each reservation will be correctly positioned on a map of South Dakota, with the Missouri River as the only geographical landmark.

Resources:

- 1. Political Divisions of the *Oceti Śakowiŋ* ' graphic organizer.
- 2. Outline map of South Dakota with the Missouri River designated.
- 3. Outline of each of the reservations scaled to the map of South Dakota.

Assessment:

Use the Oceti Śakowiŋ quiz from CAIRNS (aka Dr. Craig Howe).

References:

CAIRNS. (2010). *Oceti Śakowiy*: Temporal Order, with Reservation, Tribe, Capital, and Oyate [Diagram and Table].

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