

Longhouse Project

SS 6.2.4 - Analyze the structure and functions of the Iroquois Confederacy

Longhouses were at the centre of Iroquois society. They were built to house many families; everyone living in the Longhouse were descendants of the same clan mother. They were extremely significant to the way of life of the Iroquois people.

As a performance task for our Social Studies unit on the Iroquois Confederacy, the students will have a choice of creating a diorama of a Longhouse or making a PowerPoint presentation about the longhouse.

Longhouse Diorama

In addition to the Longhouse diorama, the students will be required to answer the attached questions describing the role the Longhouses play in the lives of the Iroquois.

Here are some ideas for material to construct your diorama with: Don't limit yourself to these, they are just ideas.

There are some great projects you can view on the internet as well for ideas.

- shoeboxes for actual length of house
- popsicle sticks glued along the side, possibly colored or painted brown like tree bark.
- twigs glued along the side
- brown construction paper folded around from side to side for the roof, with holes in the top
- actual tree bark for the outer covering
- green construction paper or posterboard for the ground (grass)
- lego
- brown playdough for the house and green for the grass

*Please make sure that your longhouse will fit on your desk

Plan your longhouse:

Decide what materials you want to use to build it. Some choices are: Wood, sticks, bark, straws, paper, cardboard, clay, toothpicks, paper-Mache, other materials.

Plan enough time to build it (2 to 3 days). This project is due on _____.

Use the textbook, internet, books and any other relevant sources to learn about Longhouses.

Answer the following questions in full sentences either handwritten or typed:

- What were the roles of the men and women in the Iroquois Confederacy?
- How was their society organized? (HINT: nations and clans)
- How did the Longhouses affect the way they organized their society?

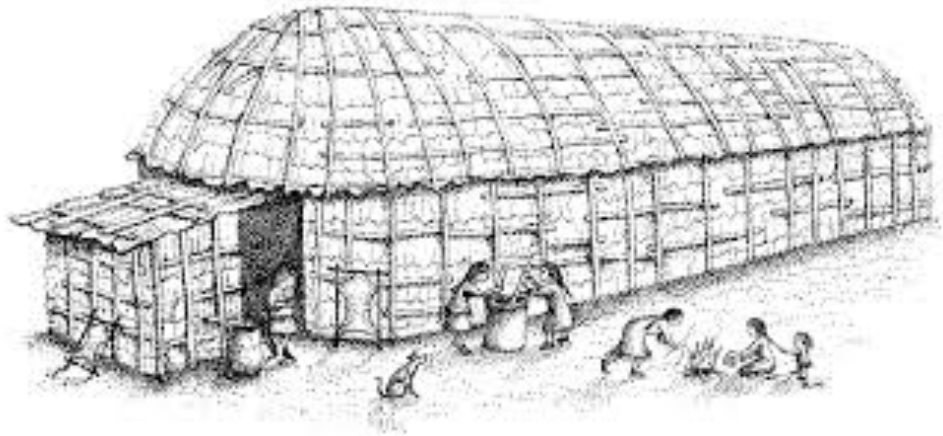
Do **NOT** wait until the night before to do it! Have fun!!!!

Longhouse PowerPoint Presentation

If you choose not to build a longhouse you can prepare a PowerPoint presentation explaining the importance of the longhouse and how it was a part of the Iroquois society. Your presentation must be a minimum of 12 slides and answer the following questions at some point throughout:

- What were the roles of the men and women in the Iroquois Confederacy?
- How was their society organized? (HINT: nations and clans)
- How did the Longhouses affect the way they organized their society?

Your presentation must be organized, look neat, and have images in each slide. The information must be accurate and contain original ideas (not copied and pasted from a website). Be creative and learn as much as you can about the longhouse!



Longhouse Rubric

CATEGORY	Excellent	Proficient	Basic	Not Met
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Organization- Plan, gather and organize information for a variety of purposes and audiences	Extremely well organized; used a purposeful format that was easy to follow; flowed smoothly from one idea to another.	Well organized; used a logical format that was easy to follow; flowed smoothly from one idea to another.	Somewhat organized; lacks an easy to follow format; some ideas flowed smoothly from one to another.	Lacks organization; ideas do not flow.
Creativity	Was extremely creative and presented with originality; used a unique approach that truly enhanced the project.	Was creative at times; thoughtfully and uniquely presented.	Added a few original touches to enhance the project but did not incorporate it throughout.	

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Effort	Was extremely creative and presented with originality; used a unique approach that truly enhanced the project. Used class time wisely.	Was creative at times; thoughtfully and uniquely presented. Didn't use class time well.	Added a few original touches to enhance the project but did not incorporate it throughout. Was off task and needed frequent reminders to use class time.	Made from template. No additions. Class time was wasted.