

CLOZE EVALUATION QUESTIONS

NATIVE AMERICANS: PEOPLE OF THE FOREST

NAME _____

DIRECTIONS: Select the answer, from the four choices given, by circling the correct letter.

1. The Native Americans settled in various geographic regions of our vast continent. The people of the _____ inhabited a land of dense forests, rivers, and lakes, teeming with a variety of plant and animal life.

- 1. A. Southwest
- B. Desert
- C. Plains
- D. Eastern Woodlands

2. Scientists generally agree on the route that the first Native Americans took to settle in North America. A _____ was formed that allowed these first settlers to cross from Asia onto the continent of mainland America. This took place over 300,000 years ago.

- 2. A. land bridge
- B. mountain
- C. shallow channel
- D. delta

3. The Eastern Woodland Indians used the wood products from the forest in a variety of ways. They used _____ to construct houses, boats, and baskets for carrying water and food. Like other Native Americans they took only what they needed and did not waste.

- 3. A. animal skins B. tree bark
- C. logs
- D. planks

4. These Native Americans developed ways of travel that suited their environment. For example, they built _____, from the birch tree, that enabled them to travel swiftly over the lake and rivers. These boats were light and strong, and were constructed from easily obtained forest resources.

- 4. A. rafts
- B. kayaks
- C. canoes
- D. dugouts

5. The Woodland Indians hunted for their food in a variety of ways. One of the most effective was the _____. This was made by placing a noose on the upper branch of a thin tree bent over. When the animal stepped in it, it was caught.

- 5. A. snare B. pit trap
- C. tree trap
- D. animal snag

6. The trees in the Eastern Woodlands were vital suppliers of many important items. The _____ was stripped of its bark for building houses and canoes. The bark from this tree was also used for making baskets. The baskets were strong as well as lightweight and water could even be boiled in them.

- 6. A. oak tree
- B. birch tree
- C. maple tree
- D. pine tree

7. The Eastern Woodland Indians built their homes from the resources in their environment, and conformed to the surroundings. These homes, called _____, were built mostly from birch trees.

- 7. A. long houses
- B. igloos
- C. wigwams
- D. tipis

8. The Native Americans relied on the experience and traditions of the tribal members in many ways. When someone was ill the spiritual _____ was called upon to perform a ceremony that might have driven off the evil spirit the Native Americans thought was causing the illness.

- 8. A. warrior
- B. chief
- C. leader
- D. elder

9. The Eastern Woodland Indians hunted rabbit, deer, and bear, for food and skins. They also used a method called _____ to catch fish for food. A stick with a sharpened point was effective in adding this variety of food to their diet.

- 9. A. spearing
- B. trapping
- C. netting
- D. gathering

10. The Eastern Woodland Indian children played a number of games. One called _____ is played with a stick and ball and it is even played today. They also played other games that helped them improve their hunting skills, like spear throwing and bow and arrow shooting contests.

- 10. A. baseball
- B. lacrosse
- C. stickball
- D. tennis