

CLOZE EVALUATION QUESTIONS

NATIVE AMERICANS: PEOPLE OF THE PLAINS

NAME _____

DIRECTIONS: Select the answer from the four choices given. Circle the correct letter.

1. There were many Indian tribes who made the great plains their home. One tribe was the _____. This land was one of gently rolling hills with tall grasses and few trees. The Indians took only what they needed from the land.
 1. A. Navajo
 - B. Iroquois
 - C. Algonquin
 - D. Sioux
2. The plains did not have the variety of plant and animal life of other places, but it did have great herds of _____ which the Plains Indians followed and hunted. These great animals provided the food, clothing and shelter for many Indian tribes.
 2. A. buffalo
 - B. deer
 - C. antelope
 - D. cattle
3. The Indians believed that spirits inhabited all things in their world. They believed that the wind, water and sky contained good and bad spirits. A _____ would help the tribe deal with the good and bad spirits. They believed that his words and actions would protect them.
 3. A. minister
 - B. rabbi
 - C. medicine man
 - D. priest
4. Scientists have carefully studied where the first native Americans came from. They now believe that they crossed the _____ from Asia to North America. This happened over 30,000 years ago when the land and water conditions were much different from what they are today.
 4. A. ocean
 - B. land bridge
 - C. Bering Strait
 - D. peninsula
5. The Plains Indians moved as the herds of buffalo grazed the tall grasses of mid-America. These traveling Indians, or _____, never had permanent homes like other tribes. They had to take down and rebuild their homes where they found buffalo.
 5. A. wanderers
 - B. nomads
 - C. herders
 - D. transients
6. The Indians of the plains constructed types of homes different from tribes of other geographic areas. Their homes, or _____, were made from long poles covered by buffalo hides. The women of the village were responsible for setting up and taking apart the homes.
 6. A. tipis
 - B. long houses
 - C. sod huts
 - D. adobes
7. Almost every part of the buffalo was used by the Indians. For hunting, the bowstring was made from _____, or dried buffalo tendons. This was also used to attach the arrowhead to the shaft of the arrow.
 7. A. ligament
 - B. rope
 - C. sinew
 - D. muscle fiber
8. The Plains Indians also had to make all of their own tools and weapons. They used _____, which was a very hard stone, for arrowheads. This type of rock could be chipped, forming sharp edges which were useful for making knives and spears.
 8. A. quartz
 - B. iron ore
 - C. granite
 - D. flint
9. The Indian children had to learn many important skills in order to survive. The young boys learned about gathering food through the _____ game. They pretended that they were stalking this animal much as their fathers would do on the actual hunt.
 9. A. shinny
 - B. buffalo hunt
 - C. hoop
 - D. spear toss
10. The Plains Indians are gone from the land they loved. They were driven off by _____ who moved west and took their land. We now understand how such tribes as the Sioux, Apache and Crow were a proud people who learned to live in harmony with nature, took only what they needed and did not upset the balance of life.
 10. A. European Americans
 - B. Spanish Americans
 - C. soldiers
 - D. factory owners