

Indigenous Peoples Intro Overview

Name: _____ Block: _____ Date: _____

Instructions:

Refer to Chapter 7 – First Peoples of Canada to answer the following questions.

1. Define "anthropology":

2. List two characteristics typical of Hunting and Gathering Societies.
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3. List two characteristics typical of Agricultural or Agrarian Societies.
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4. How is the leadership and government structure different in small and large societies?

5. What is the role of religion in society?

6. Define the following terms:

Kinship: _____

Matrilocal: _____

Patrilocal: _____

Patriarchal: _____

Patrilineal: _____

Matrilineal: _____

Bilateral: _____

To domesticate: _____

Shamanism: _____

Ethnography: _____

Inuit of the Arctic:

1. Describe the size of Inuit social groups. Why do you think they are organized this way?
2. What animal was most Inuit clothing made from? How is this material unique?
3. What were two uses for seal meat and blubber?
4. What was the purpose of the inukshuk and why was it so crucial to the survival of the (inland) Inuit?

Iroquois of the Eastern Woodlands:

1. Describe how the villages of the Iroquois were organized.
2. Who owned the fields and means of distribution in Iroquois society?
3. How many people lived in Iroquois villages during the late agricultural period?

The People of the Plains

1. What animal did the People of the Plains rely on?

2. What were the two methods most commonly used to hunt buffalo by the People of the Plains?

3. Describe the Sundance in 3-4 sentences (p.201)

People of the Plateau:

1. Where do archaeologists think that people of the plateau migrated from?

2. Describe the materials that are needed to build a pit house (home on the plateau).

3. What were the staple foods of the Plateau People?

People of the Northwest Coast:

1. How did people decide who had access to different resources? Use an example.

2. What were the three social classes that made up NWC society?

3. Why were totem poles and dances so important to people of the coast?

4. Describe Northwest Coast Canoes.

5. What was the purpose of the Potlatch?

Summary:

Write a letter to your benefactor in the role of an explorer who has just encountered one of the indigenous cultures described in this chapter.

Describe the location, habitations, clothing, food and culture of ONE of the cultural groups in this chapter.
