



Library Work: “Native Americans and Fear”

LEQ: How do the various Native American myths connect with the environment in which a tribe lived?

For this assignment, the class will be broken up into research groups of four people each. Each group will be given a different part of the country and will research the Native American groups that lived in that area. The following questions should be answered.

- Which Native American groups existed in your region of the country?
- How did they interact with one another?
- Do any major land formations exist in your assigned region?
- What are they?
- How might these land formations have affected the daily lives of the Native Americans?
- What kinds of natural resources are available in your region?
- For what were they used?
- Did this environment influence the Natives’ beliefs and/or customs? Religion? Legends?
- What is the connection between their fears and their myths and religious beliefs?

After you have completed your research, you will informally present your findings to the class. The information gathered will be used for an upcoming writing. I recommend starting your work by appointing a group leader to oversee work completion and then divide the questions/work among your group members. EVERYONE needs to contribute information for the classroom presentation.

Homework/presentation due Friday, August 16th: Each group member must type a minimum of two full paragraphs of the results of his/her research to use for the presentation and then turn in for a grade. (Participation in presentation and two typed paragraphs=up to 50 points.)

Library Plan:

1. Appoint leader
2. Divide up tasks
3. Each member researches his/her topic
4. Plan a time at the end of the period (15-20 minutes) to come together to finalize information.
5. Homework: Each member types up his/her information/contribution to class discussion on Friday, August 16th.