Montana Indians Differ in Language and Culture

Fast Facts

Curriculum Area:	Social Studies
Grade Level:	Grade Three
Suggested Duration:	One-two hours

Stage 1 Desired Results

Established Goals

(4) The history content standards for third grade are that each student will:

(a) identify tribes in Montana by their original and current names.

IEFA Essential Understanding 1 There is a great diversity among the twelve sovereign tribes of Montana in their languages, cultures, histories, and governments. Each tribe has a distinct and unique cultural heritage that contributes to modern Montana.

Understandings

- Each tribe has its own language; language is an important part of a tribe's culture.
- Each tribe has a unique name in their own language.

Essential Questions

- What are the names of Montana tribes?
- What do Montana tribes call themselves in their own language?
- How can you tell the difference between different tribes' names in their own languages?

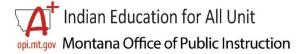
Students will be able to ...

- explain that members of tribes speak English, but they also have a tribal language.
- explain that each Montana tribe has its own language and culture.
- identify and pronounce tribal names.
- share information about Montana tribal languages and cultures in classroom discussions.

Stage 2 Assessment Evidence

Performance Tasks

- 1. Each student practices writing and saying tribal names in English and in the tribal languages.
- 2. Each student can correctly pronounce what tribes call themselves in their own languages.



Stage 3 Learning Plan

Learning Activities

Identify and locate the tribes in Montana. Tribal Territories Map

Quiz your students to check for understanding. Montana Map with Reservations unlabeled

Check out the <u>learning activities on the Montana Tribes Digital Archives website</u> and have some fun with this "Who's Who" activity where you'll learn the names Montana tribes call themselves in both written and spoken form.

Watch the video <u>Tribes of Montana and How They Got Their Names</u> and utilize the <u>Teacher's Guide</u> for instructional activities.

Background Information

Reservation	Tribes on Reservation					
Blackfeet	Blackfeet					
Crow	Crow					
Flathead	Salish, Pend d'Oreille, Kootenai					
Fort Belknap	Gros Ventre and Assiniboine					
Fort Peck	Assiniboine and Sioux					
Northern Cheyenne	Northern Cheyenne					
Rocky Boy's	Chippewa Cree					
<u> Tribal Names – English</u>	<u> Tribal Names – Native Languages</u>					
Assiniboine	Nakona/Nakota					
Blackfeet	Pikuni					
Cheyenne	Tsistsistsas					
Chippewa	Annishinabe					
Cree	Neiyahwahk					
Crow	Apsáalooke					
Gros Ventre	Aaninin					
Little Shell Chippewa	Annishinabe					
Kootenai	Ktnuxa					
Pend d' Oreille	Qlispé					
Salish	Séliš					
Sioux	Dakota					

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Names of Montana Tribes Word Search

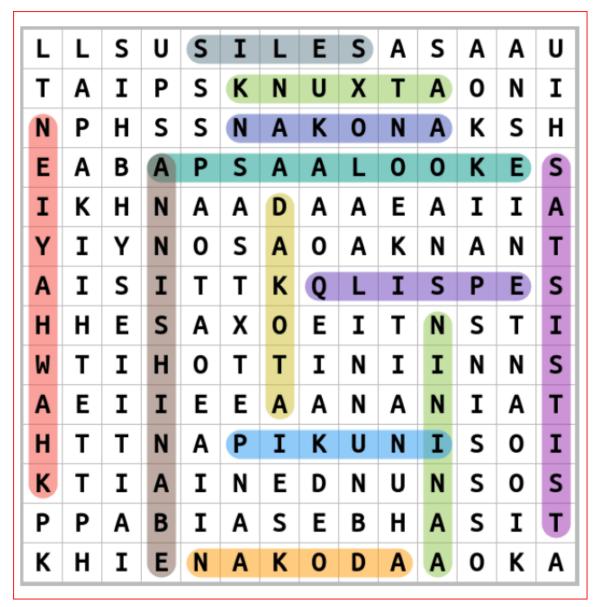
Can you identify what Montana tribes call themselves in their own languages?

Good luck!

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Extra Credit: Find other words used by tribes (at least one)

Answer Key



Extra Credit: Find other words used by tribes: Napi, which is right before/part of Pikuni

TEACHER NOTE: The tribal names used were taken from the Montana Tribes website. We apologize for any inconsistencies with the spelling of tribal name.