

# 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.



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## 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 [learning activities on the Montana Tribes Digital Archives website](#) 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 [Tribes of Montana and How They Got Their Names](#) and utilize the [Teacher's Guide](#) for instructional activities.

### Background Information

<u>Reservation</u>	<u>Tribes on Reservation</u>
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	Q̓ispé
Salish	Séliš
Sioux	Dakota

## Names of Montana Tribes Word Search

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

Good luck!

### Names of Montana Tribes

L	L	S	U	S	I	L	E	S	A	S	A	A	U
T	A	I	P	S	K	N	U	X	T	A	O	N	I
N	P	H	S	S	N	A	K	O	N	A	K	S	H
E	A	B	A	P	S	A	A	L	O	O	K	E	S
I	K	H	N	A	A	D	A	A	E	A	I	I	A
Y	I	Y	N	O	S	A	O	A	K	N	A	N	T
A	I	S	I	T	T	K	Q	L	I	S	P	E	S
H	H	E	S	A	X	O	E	I	T	N	S	T	I
W	T	I	H	O	T	T	I	N	I	I	N	N	S
A	E	I	I	E	E	A	A	N	A	N	I	A	T
H	T	T	N	A	P	I	K	U	N	I	S	O	I
K	T	I	A	I	N	E	D	N	U	N	S	O	S
P	P	A	B	I	A	S	E	B	H	A	S	I	T
K	H	I	E	N	A	K	O	D	A	A	O	K	A

AANININ  
TSITSISTAS  
NEIYAHWAHK  
QLISPE  
PIKUNI  
NAKONA  
APSAALOOKE  
DAKOTA  
NAKODA  
ANNISHINABE  
SELIS  
KNUXTA

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

Answer Key

L	L	S	U	S	I	L	E	S	A	S	A	A	U
T	A	I	P	S	K	N	U	X	T	A	O	N	I
N	P	H	S	S	N	A	K	O	N	A	K	S	H
E	A	B	A	P	S	A	A	L	O	O	K	E	S
I	K	H	N	A	A	D	A	A	E	A	I	I	A
Y	I	Y	N	O	S	A	O	A	K	N	A	N	T
A	I	S	I	T	T	K	Q	L	I	S	P	E	S
H	H	E	S	A	X	O	E	I	T	N	S	T	I
W	T	I	H	O	T	T	I	N	I	I	N	N	S
A	E	I	I	E	E	A	A	N	A	N	I	A	T
H	T	T	N	A	P	I	K	U	N	I	S	O	I
K	T	I	A	I	N	E	D	N	U	N	S	O	S
P	P	A	B	I	A	S	E	B	H	A	S	I	T
K	H	I	E	N	A	K	O	D	A	A	O	K	A

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.