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Search Activity

People on the Plains – Plains Indians

Grades 2nd through 4th

Main Level

Find the Buffalo exhibit.

1. Plains Indians used this part of the buffalo as a fly swatter.
Ear Horn Tail Mane
2. This part of the buffalo could be used as a blanket. _____
3. This part of the buffalo was a drinking cup
Hoof Stomach Horn

Upper Level

Find the Nebraska's First Farmers exhibit.

4. Who were Nebraska's first farmers?
Pioneers Plains Indians Cowboys
5. What foods did they grow on their farms?
Corn Beans Squash Sunflowers
6. They used this part of the buffalo for a hoe.
Leg Horn Shoulder Blade

Upper Level

Find the Earth lodge (farmhouse) exhibit.

7. These pets slept inside the house.
Cows Horses Dogs Cats
8. Two women are grinding food to the right side of the farmhouse. What kind of food are they grinding?
Corn Potatoes Wheat Rice
9. Who built this house? Mom or dad? _____

Upper Level

Find an exhibit with a pony.

10. Plains Indians made their shoes from?
Leather Plastic Rubber Wood
11. These were sewn onto shoes to make them look nice.
Beads Shells Bone
12. What were some of the Plains Indians favorite colors?
Red White Blue Green Yellow
13. The women sewed these onto their dresses to make them look pretty.
Bones Beads Shells
14. The Grandma is wearing jewelry made from? (Hint: think of a penny!)

Answer Key

1. Tail
2. Hide, skin
3. Horn
4. Plains Indians
5. All of the above
6. Shoulder blade
7. Horses, dogs
8. Corn
9. Mom
10. Leather
11. Beads
12. All of the above
13. All of the above
14. Copper (metal)