Teacher:	Owens	
Subject:	Social Studies	
Unit of	Native American Cultures	
Instruction:		
Standards:	SS4H1	The student will describe how early Native American cultures developed in North America.
		a. Locate where Native Americans settled with emphasis on the Arctic (Inuit), Northwest (Kwakiutl),
		Plateau (Nez Perce), Southwest (Hopi), Plains (Pawnee), and Southeast (Seminole).
		b. Describe how Native Americans used their environment to obtain food, clothing, and shelter.
	SS4G2	The student will describe how physical systems affect human systems.
		a. Explain why each of the Native American groups (SS4H1a) occupied the areas they did, with emphasis
		on why some developed permanent villages and others did not.

Tiered Lesson Plan	Student Unit Learning Activities
Everyone must do all of	1. Assemble the Unit 1: Native American Cultures interactive notebook with assignments
these	from below.
	2. Record the unit vocabulary words, their definitions, and a sentence using each in your
	notebook.
	3. Complete a top tab book with facts about each tribe and their location, clothing, homes
	and food based on class discussions.
Everyone must choose two	1. Label and Color a map of the emphasized Native American tribes.
or more of these	
	2. Create a vocabulary matching worksheet.
Tier 1: Basic knowledge,	
understanding. The student	3. Choose three Native American tribes and create a poster of the various
builds on his/her current	shelters used by those tribes.
level of core information.	
Bloom's Taxonomy:	4. Create a chart identifying which Native American tribes created and lived in permanent
Knowledge	settlements and which tribes were nomadic.
	5. Create a song for remembering the geographic locations of the emphasized Native
	American tribes.
Everyone must choose two	1. Select a Native American tribe. Write a 2-3 paragraphs explaining where they lived,
or more of these	and how they used their environment to obtain food, clothing and shelter.
	2. Construct a 10 question quiz about the Native American cultures and geography.
	3. Create a detailed Venn Diagram that compares and contrasts nomadic tribes to the
Tier 2: Application or	more stationary tribes. Then write 2-3 paragraphs explaining the information in the Venn
manipulation of the	Diagram.
information learned in the	
1 st layer. Problem solving or	4. Write a letter to a friend explain which Native American tribe you would choose to be a
other higher level thinking	member of and why.
tasks.	5. Create a geography flip book showing maps of North America and the location of the
Bloom's Taxonomy:	each of the tribes.
Application & Analysis	cach of the tribes.

Everyone must choose one of these

Tier 3: Critical Thinking and Analysis. This layer requires the highest and most complex thought. *Bloom's Taxonomy:* Synthesis & Evaluation

1. Pretend you are a tree in a Native American settlement in North America. Write a narrative essay that depicts the life for the Native Americans both before and after the Europeans arrived. What did you witness?

Be sure to include the following elements in your story:

- 1. The location and description of environmental /geographical features of your Native American settlement
- 2. The name of the Native American nation that resides nearest to you
- 3. How the Native Americans used you or other natural resources to survive
- 4. The name of the Europeans first explored your area and an account of their journey
- 5. The first conversation that might have taken place between the Native Americans and the Europeans in your region. Were they friendly towards one another? Hostile? Fearful?
- 2. Create a fictional Native American tribe. Describe in detail where you would locate your tribe, including climate, terrain, and other Native American tribes in that area. Be sure to explain the resources provided by your chosen location, and how your tribe will use those resources to obtain food, clothing and shelter.
- 3. Students will create Native American playing cards that describe a Native American Nation. Students will make a card for the Inuit, Kwakiutl, Nez Perce, Hopi, Pawnee, and Seminole nations. Each card will include the following information: Native American nation's name, location, important natural resources, style of home, settlers encountered and character traits, such as honesty, patriotism, courage, and trustworthiness.
- 4. With a group, select a particular Native American tribe. Using visuals, costume, and dialogue pretend that you have come back in the time and to explain the everyday life of your tribe. Additionally, let the audience know the benefit that you bring to the United States, and how you feel about the explorations of the Europeans and their interactions with your people. Be sure to have your dialogue written and followed. Provide a question and answer time at the end of your presentation.