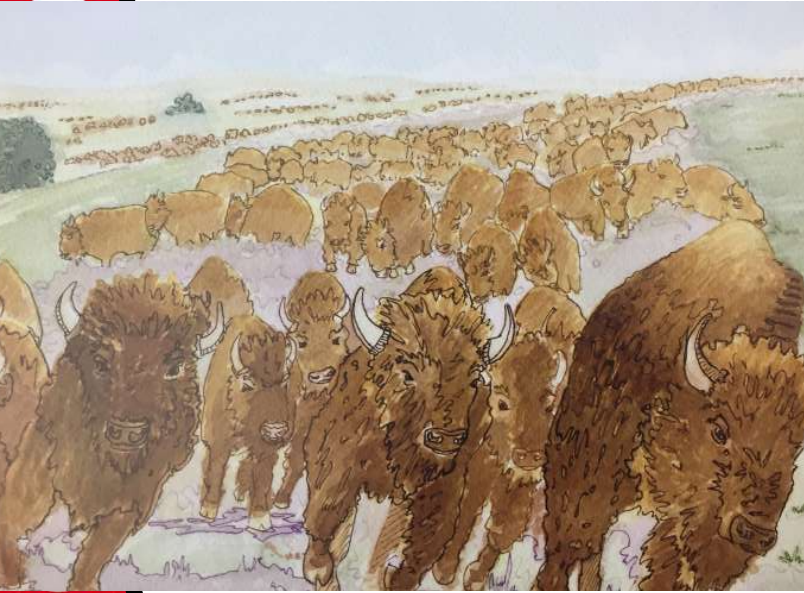




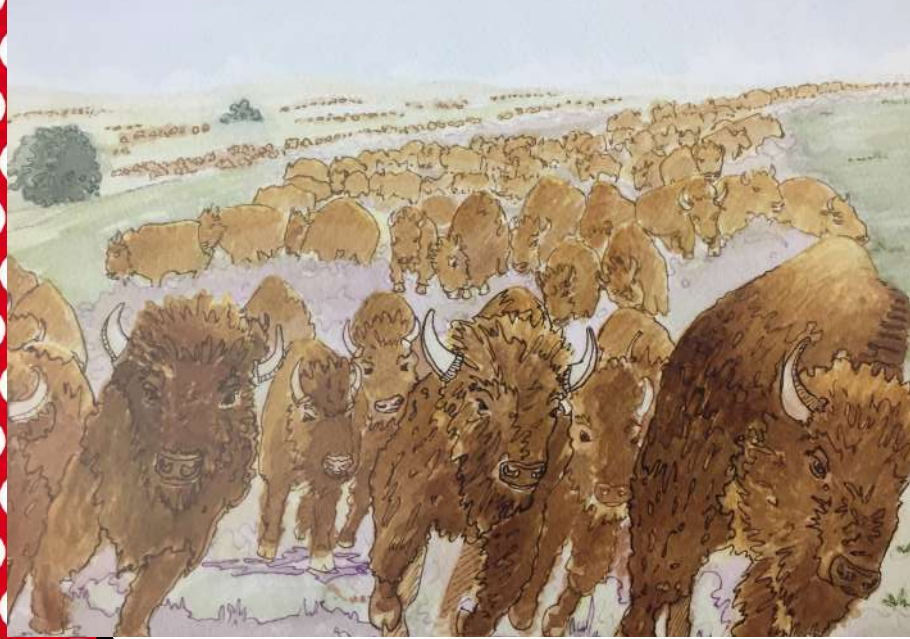
# *Little Bear Goes Hunting*

# Little Bear Goes Hunting



What animal do you see in this image? Buffalo traveled across the Great Plains in herds, or groups. What is this herd of buffalo doing in this image? The buffalo had to move across the Plains in search of their food supply--grass. As the buffalo traveled to find their food supply, the Native American tribes who hunted the buffalo followed them.

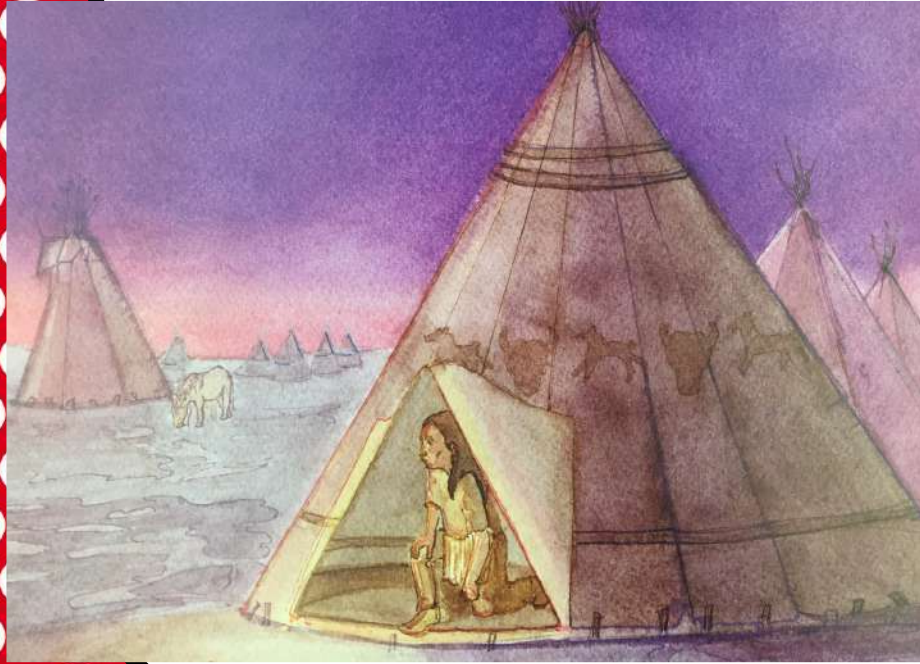
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Today you will hear more about the Lakota Sioux and about a young Lakota Sioux boy named Little Bear. Listen carefully to find out more about the Lakota Sioux people and about buffalo hunting.

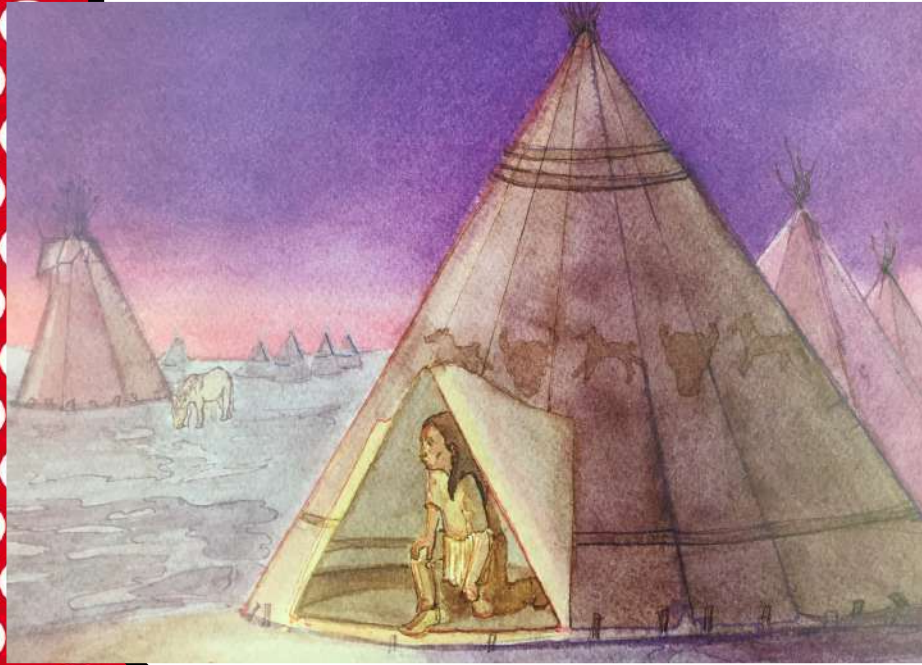


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Little Bear woke up before the sun did. Today was a very important day. Now that Little Bear was ten years old, he would be allowed to hunt the buffalo. Little Bear was not frightened. He was excited, even though a buffalo can weigh as much as ten grown men.

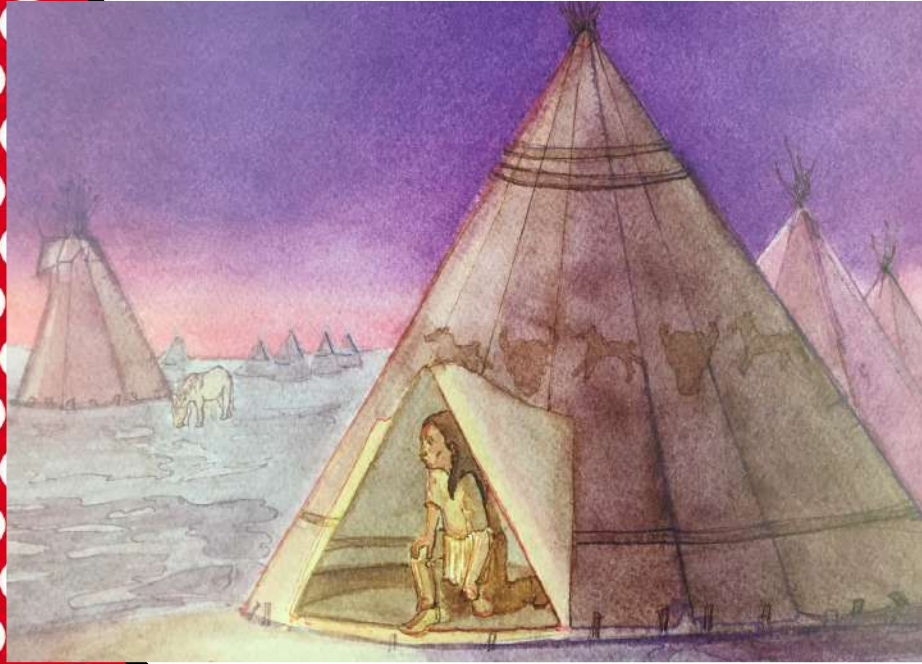
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Who remembers what  
the Lakota Sioux's  
home is called?

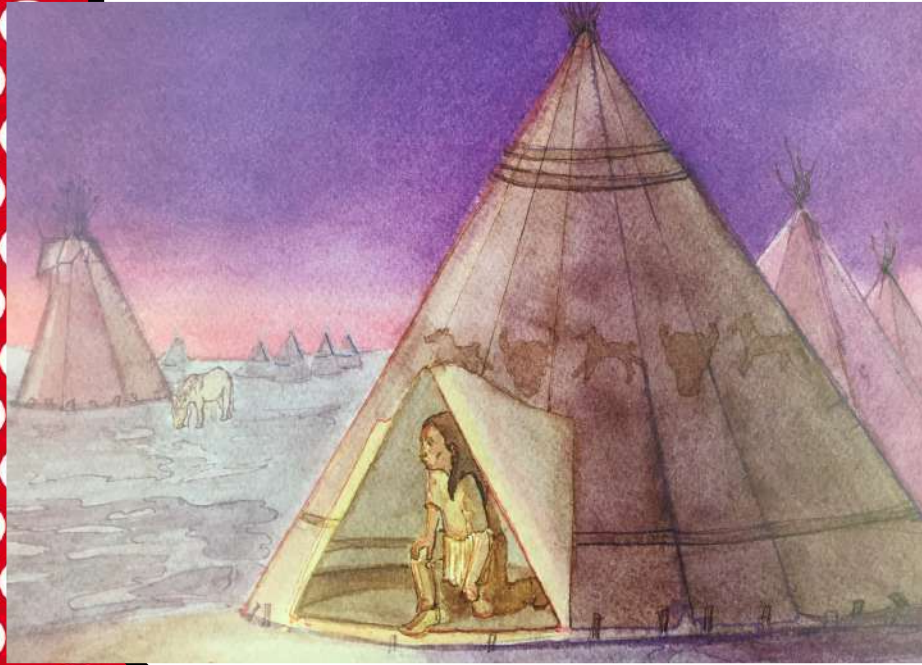


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Little Bear was a Lakota Sioux Indian. He lived on the Great Plains with his family. This area, called a plain, was fairly flat, and was filled with grass and buffalo.

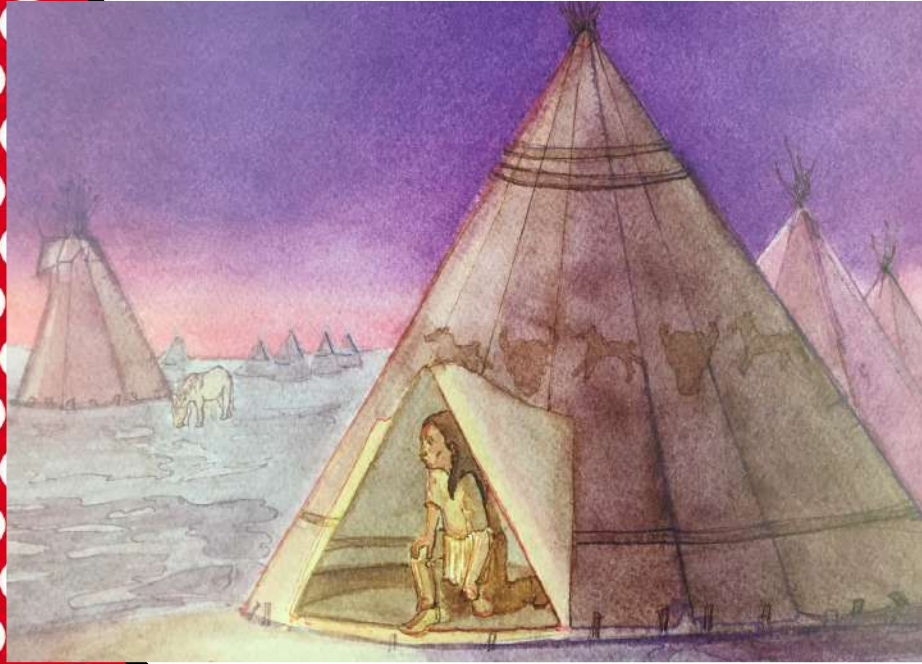
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Remember that here the word plain describes a part of the United States where the land is flat and has lots of grass but very few trees. The word plain can also mean simple and not fancy.



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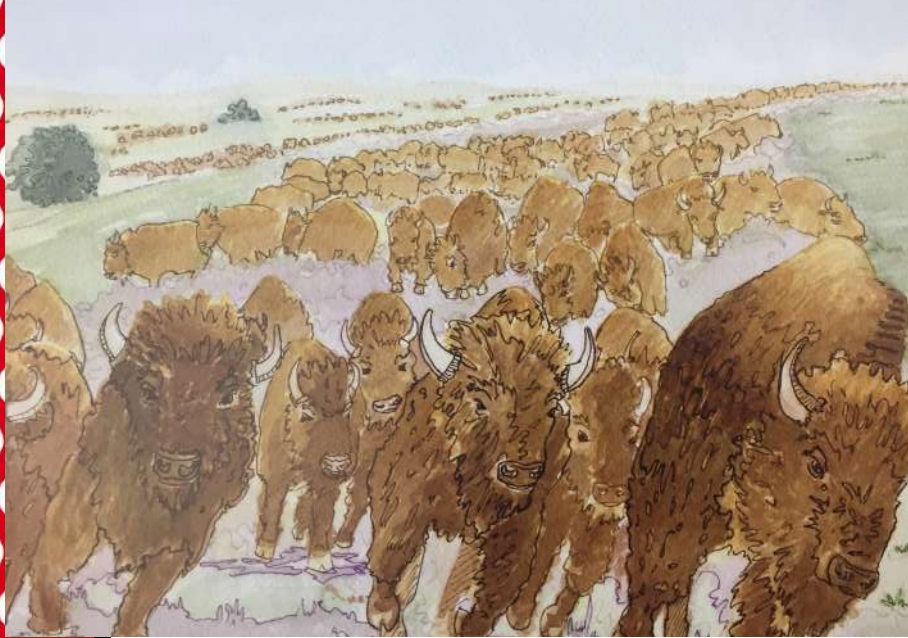


His home was wherever his family and their group of relatives placed their tipis, and that depended on the buffalo.

So where Little Bear and his family lived depended on the buffalo. What does that mean?

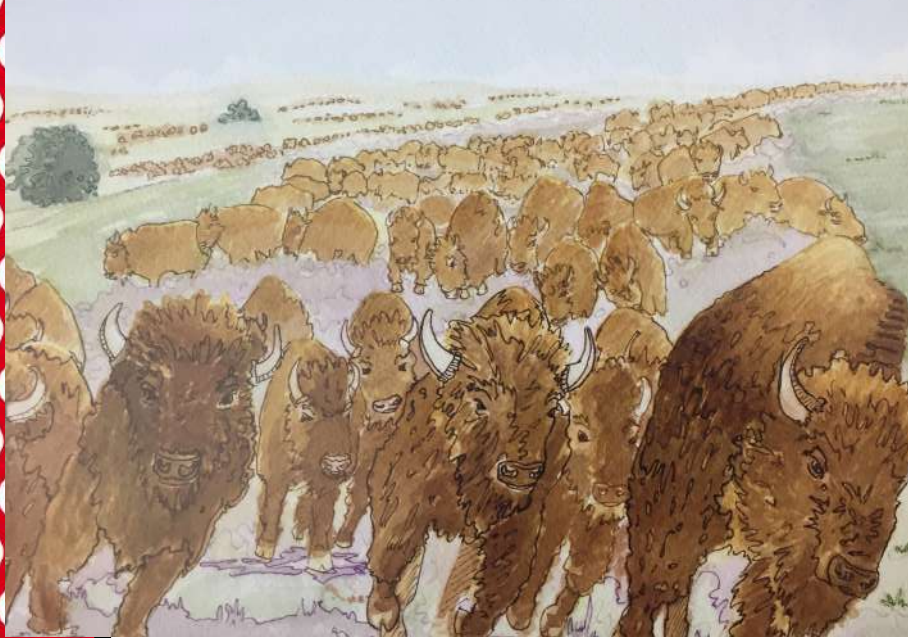


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The buffalo lived on the Great Plains, too. However, large herds of buffalo moved from place to place. They moved as they grazed on the wild grasses that grow across this wide stretch of land.

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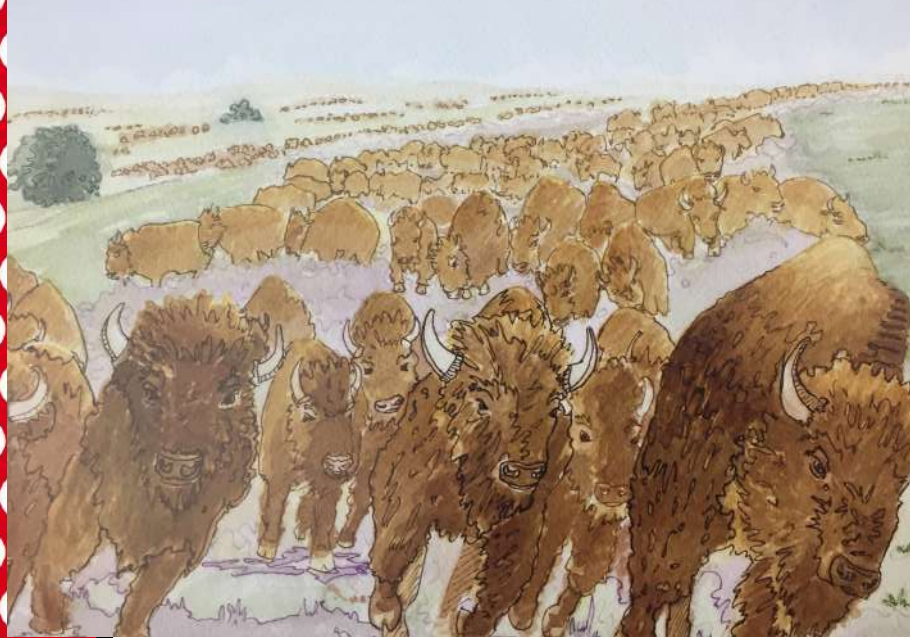


Because the buffalo was their main food supply, the Lakota Sioux moved with the herds.

During what season did the Lakota Sioux hunt buffalo?

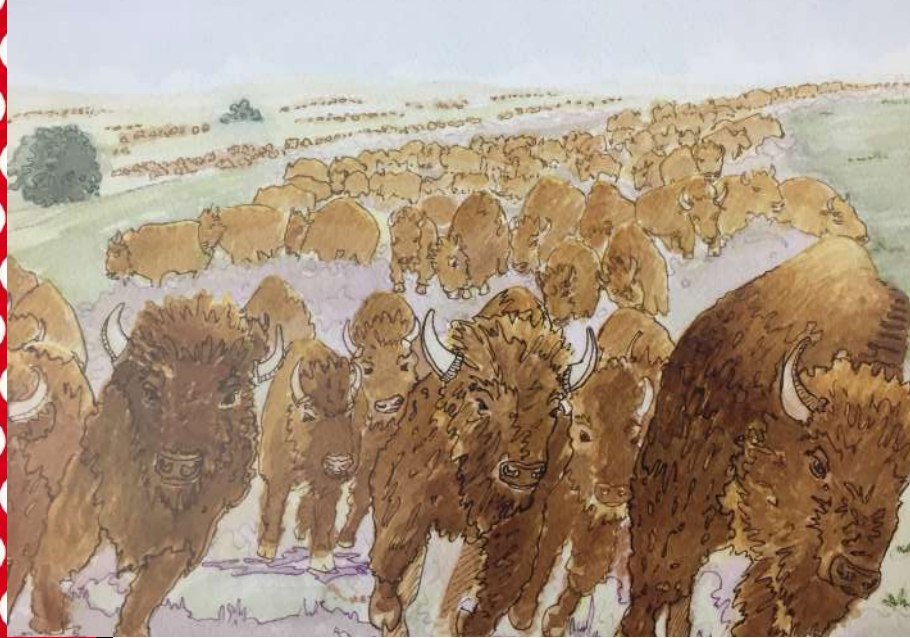


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The buffalo provided Little Bear's people with fresh meat. The meat could also be dried and turned into pemmican. Pemmican could be stored for later use, especially in the cold winter months.

# Little Bear Goes Hunting



In fact, almost every part of the buffalo had a special use for Little Bear's people. The buffalo provided them with warm fur. Its hair was used to make rope. Buffalo bones were used to make knives, axes, and hammers. Even toys were made from the bones of a buffalo.



# Little Bear Goes Hunting



Buffalo skin was also used to make tipis, clothes, bedding, and moccasins. Making these things was a job for women and girls. When he was younger, Little Bear had watched his grandmother, mother and sisters while they worked.

# Little Bear Goes Hunting



You heard in “Where’s Winona?” that Lakota Sioux women performed another job. Do you remember what that was?

(SETTING UP THE TIPI IN a new camp)



# Little Bear Goes Hunting



In using the hide of the buffalo to make clothing, it first had to be stretched and scraped. The nit was soaked and dried several times. After that, it was pulled and stretched to make it soft.

# Little Bear Goes Hunting



Finally, or lastly, it was ready to be cut and sewn into the things Little Bear's people needed. Little Bear's sister had made him his first pair of moccasins, which were made more beautiful with the addition of attractive beading art.



# Little Bear Goes Hunting



Little Bear dressed quickly and then stepped outside of his family tipi. The rising sun was now just a faint glimmer on the horizon. The horizon is the place off in the distance where the land seems to meet the sky. Even without the sun, it was already warm.

# Little Bear Goes Hunting



Little Bear looked around. No one else had woken up yet. He was the only one, and this made the day seem even more important. Little Bear sniffed the air in the way his grandfather did. He could not smell rain.



# Little Bear Goes Hunting



He could smell the remains of the fires that had burned the night before. Buffalo meat had been cooked on those fires. Little Bear could still taste the succulent meat. Succulent means very juicy and tasty.

# Little Bear Goes Hunting



Little Bear made his way to where the horses that chased the buffalo grazed. Today he would ride his brother's horse when he went hunting. He would also carry a bow and arrow. His father had crafted his bow and arrow for him, though Little Bear had helped to shape the arrow tip.



# Little Bear Goes Hunting



Hunting the buffalo was not easy. These animals could run like the wind. It often took several men to take down one buffalo. Little Bear hoped that he would be brave. He wanted his father to be proud of him, the way he was proud of Little Bear's older brother.

# Little Bear Goes Hunting



Little Bear stroked his brother's horse and whispered to him. He asked the horse to help him catch the buffalo. The horse nuzzled Little Bear as he spoke to him. Little Bear laughed as the horse's mane tickled his nose.



# Little Bear Goes Hunting



Before long, the sun began to rise. Little Bear noticed that other people had woken up and were emerging from their tipis. He saw his mother begin to breathe life back into their fire. She, along with his sisters, would prepare food for the hunting party. Then it would be time to go.

# Little Bear Goes Hunting



A hunting party is a group of people who go out together to hunt. This type of party is not a celebration like a birthday party.

Little Bear made his way back to his tipi. He sat on the ground beside his mother. His mother smiled at him and tousled his hair.



# Little Bear Goes Hunting



"You will be a brave buffalo hunter just like your brother," Little Bear's mother said to him.

Little Bear smiled at his mother. He knew she was wise and kind. He loved her very much.

# Little Bear Goes Hunting



Before long, Little Bear was joined by his grandfather, father and brother. When all the men were gathered around the fire, Little Bear's mother and sisters served them buffalo stew. It tasted good.



# Little Bear Goes Hunting



Then it was time to go. The men and boys, including Little Bear, mounted their horses. As they rode out of their village, Little Bear looked back at his mother. She was still standing by the fire. She smiled at him, and then she put her hand on her heart.

# Little Bear Goes Hunting



"She is telling me I will be a brave hunter," said Little Bear to himself. With that thought in mind, Little Bear smiled at his mother and then galloped off to hunt the buffalo for the very first time.



# Little Bear Goes Hunting

Comprehension Questions:

**Literal**

PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

Who is the main character in this story?

# Little Bear Goes Hunting

Comprehension Questions:

**Literal**

PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

What is the name of the Native American tribe that Little Bear belongs to?



# Little Bear Goes Hunting

Comprehension Questions:

**Inferential**

PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

Describe the land where Little Bear and his family live.

# Little Bear Goes Hunting

Comprehension Questions:

**Inferential**

PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

What is the name of the type of house in which Little Bear and his family live? Do Little Bear and his family keep their tipi in the same place all the time or do they pack it up and move it around from place to place? Why do the Lakota Sioux move from place to place rather than stay in one area?



# Little Bear Goes Hunting

Comprehension Questions:

**Literal**

PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

What is the main source of food for the Lakota Sioux? What is Little Bear preparing to do for the first time in this story? Who else went on the buffalo hunt?

# Think Pair. Share.

**Evaluative:**



At the end of this story, Little Bear was going with the hunting party on his first buffalo hunt. How do you think he felt when he was leaving the camp to go on the hunt?



# **Word Work**

*Explicit Vocabulary Instruction*

# Little Bear Goes Hunting

In the read aloud you heard, “Little Bear could still taste the **succulent** buffalo meat.”

Say the word **succulent** with me.  
Whisper succulent to the ceiling.  
Whisper succulent to your neighbor.  
Let's clap it out.



# *Little Bear Goes Hunting*

*If something is **succulent** it is juicy, and if it is food, it usually tastes very good.*

*I love to eat grapes right off the vine because they are so **succulent**.*

# Little Bear Goes Hunting

Have you ever tasted something that was succulent? What was it? Try to use the word succulent when you describe what you ate.

"I once ate \_\_\_\_\_ and it was succulent."



# *Little Bear Goes Hunting*

*What's the word we have been talking  
about?*

# Little Bear Goes Hunting

I am going to say several types of food. If what I say could be succulent, please put your thumbs up. If it would not be succulent, put your thumb down.

# *Little Bear Goes Hunting*



Thumbs Up = Succulent

Thumbs Down = Not succulent



*A plump, red tomato*





# *Little Bear Goes Hunting*



Thumbs Up = Succulent

Thumbs Down = Not succulent



*A dried piece of toast*





# *Little Bear Goes Hunting*



Thumbs Up = Succulent

Thumbs Down = Not succulent



*Freshly picked strawberries*



# *Little Bear Goes Hunting*



Thumbs Up = Succulent



Thumbs Down = Not Succulent

*A moldy piece of cheese*





# *Little Bear Goes Hunting*



Thumbs Up = Succulent

Thumbs Down = Not Succulent



*A stale hamburger bun*

