

Name: _____ **Ancient North America Totem Pole Project**

Many years ago the people of middle America lived vibrant and full lives. They built totem poles to record important events of each tribe. We are going to find out what these people were like. You will read about one geographical region and create a totem pole to represent their culture.



Who: You and your partner

What: Create a Totem pole, using drawings and symbols, to show the 4 themes of social studies:

- geography (landscape of area/what their homes were like)
- economics (What did they do to survive?)
- civics (who was in charge)
- culture (art, religion, music, etc...)

When: The next two days in class

Where: Find information on the websites posted on the next page. Cite your sources on the back of the totem pole.

- Step 1. Choose a region of early Americans and research about their lives using the websites on the next page.
- Step 2. Take notes of your Native area (6-8 facts and all 4 themes must be mentioned).
- Step 3. Show your teacher your research before step 4. If approved, move onto step 4.
- Step 4. Draw rough draft of your 6-8 symbols/pictures.
- Step 5. Show instructor your sketches. If approved, proceed to step 6.
- Step 6. Pick up your Totem Pole template on the front table.
- Step 7. Begin constructing your Totem Pole.
- Step 8. Craft a paragraph that explains your 6-8 symbols of your region

Mound Builders

<http://www.historyforkids.org/learn/northamerica/before1500/history/hopewell.htm>

<http://publications.newberry.org/indiansofthemidwest/people-places-time/eras/moundbuilders/>

<http://www.historyforkids.org/learn/northamerica/before1500/history/mississippi.htm>

Anasazi

<http://www.indians.org/articles/anasazi-indians.html>

https://www.crowcanyon.org/EducationProducts/pueblo_history_kids/introduction.asp

North and Northwest

http://www.ducksters.com/history/native_americans/inuit_peoples.php

<https://www.dkfindout.com/us/history/native-americans/inuit/>

<https://www.warpaths2peacepipes.com/indian-tribes/chinook-tribe.htm>

West and Southwest

http://www.ducksters.com/history/native_americans/pueblo_tribe.php

http://www.ducksters.com/history/native_american_navajo.php

http://www.ducksters.com/history/native_american_apache.php

Great Plains

http://www.ducksters.com/history/native_americans/blackfoot_nation.php

http://www.ducksters.com/history/native_american_sioux_nation.php

Northeast and Southeast

http://www.ducksters.com/history/native_american_iroquois.php

http://www.ducksters.com/history/native_american_cherokee.php

http://www.ducksters.com/history/native_americans/seminole_tribe.php

