

Title

Identifying Word Parts to Understand the Meanings of Words

Grade Level

Middle School

Theme

Identifying word parts and how they help understand the meanings of word

Duration

60 minutes

Goal

Students will understand that words can be broken into parts (prefixes and suffixes), which can help tell us the meanings of words.

Students will know the names of the 7 Oyates and how their names can be broken into word parts and help us understand what they mean.

Objectives

Students will be able to

1. Know the meaning of Oceti Sakowin
2. Know the 7 Oyates of the Oceti Sakowin
3. Pronounce the 7 Oyates through verbal practice
4. Understand the meanings of the Oyates through breaking up words into word parts and drawing pictures→For example, understanding they will understand the meaning of Mdewakantonwan, by breaking up the word into word parts: Lake, Sacred, and Village and draw a picture to help them remember
5. Review definition and examples of prefixes and suffixes
6. Understand how to identify word parts to understand meanings of words in English through prefixes and suffixes

South Dakota Standards

- Phonics and Word Recognition
 - Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
 - Decoding each word part (morphology)
 - Prefixes & Suffixes

Cultural Concept

- Oceti Sakowin
- 7 Oyates
- Lakota words

Cultural Background

The Native peoples of South Dakota all belong to a confederacy of nations. The term “Sioux,” however, is inappropriate to use since it is not a word in any of the three divisions of the Oceti Sakowin confederacy. The term “Sioux” is a contraction by French speakers of the Ojibwa term for the Oceti Sakowin people. The Ojibwa people and the Oceti Sakowin were often, if not usually, in conflict. Therefore, when the first non-Native people who lived to the west, the Ojibwas answered “Nadeowaseau,” a word that means “Little Enemy.” The French speakers abbreviated the Ojibwa word to the sound of its

final syllable, and pluralized it by adding an “x” when they spelled it. Since then, the Oceti Sakowin people have been called “Sioux,” The Oceti Sakowin peoples, however, refer to themselves by the division to which they belong: Dakota, Nakota, or Lakota” (Center for American Indian Research and Native Studies, 2012).

“A long time ago, the people had one council fire and made their winter camp in the region of the pintes at a place called Mde Wakan (Spirit Lake, known today as Mille Lacs, Minnesota). Their village was called Mdewakantonwan (Spirit Lake Village) and they have been known by that name ever since. The Mdewakantonwans are the original Council Fire of the Oceti Sakowin.” (Center for American Indian Research and Native Studies, 2012)

Resources

Chart worksheet (8x5) to list Oyates, word parts, meanings of word parts, meaning of whole word, and picture

Powerpoint presentation

Assessment

FILL IN A CHART:

List the names of three Oyates, word parts, word part meanings, and whole word meaning.

List 3 words that have prefixes, the prefix, the word parts, word part meanings, and whole word meaning

List 3 words that have suffixes, the suffix, the word parts, word part meanings, and whole word meaning

References

Center for American Indian Research and Native Studies. (2012). *Oceti Sakowin Origins and Development*. Martin: CAIRNS.

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