

Living With Place

Comparing how Native American societies adapted before European contact.

SS.5.A.2 "Pre-Columbian North America"

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one detail in each paragraph that shows how the environment or local resources shaped people's lives. Number your three underlined details 1, 2, and 3 so you can compare the societies.

Three Regions, Three Adaptations

- ① Before Europeans arrived in North America, many Native American societies developed ways of life that fit their regions. In the dry Southwest, Ancestral Pueblo peoples farmed corn, beans, and squash where water was available. They built stone or adobe homes, including apartment-like pueblos and some cliff dwellings. Careful farming and storage helped communities use limited rainfall.
- ② Farther east, the Haudenosaunee lived in woodlands with forests, lakes, and rich soil. Families lived in longhouses made with wood frames and bark. Many communities grew corn, beans, and squash, while also hunting, fishing, and gathering. Haudenosaunee nations formed the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, which used councils to make decisions among member nations.
- ③ In the Arctic, Inuit communities adapted to long, cold winters and a landscape with few trees. They hunted seals and other animals, fished, and traveled by kayak or dog sled in different seasons. Some winter homes used blocks of snow, while other shelters used sod, stone, or animal skins. Like the other societies, Inuit communities used local resources skillfully, but their environment shaped different homes and travel.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did the materials used for Ancestral Pueblo homes differ from the materials used for Haudenosaunee longhouses?

2 Name one food practice shared by Ancestral Pueblo and Haudenosaunee communities. Then name one food-related practice of Inuit communities that was different.

3 Give two details that show how Arctic conditions shaped Inuit life.

4 How were all three societies alike in their relationship to local resources?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write four sentences. In your first three sentences, name each society and explain one way its environment or resources shaped life. In your fourth sentence, compare two of the societies.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline one detail in each paragraph that shows how the environment or local resources shaped people's lives. Number your three underlined details 1, 2, and 3 so you can compare the societies. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did the materials used for Ancestral Pueblo homes differ from the materials used for Haudenosaunee longhouses?	Ancestral Pueblo peoples used stone or adobe. Haudenosaunee longhouses used wood frames and bark.
2	Name one food practice shared by Ancestral Pueblo and Haudenosaunee communities. Then name one food-related practice of Inuit communities that was different.	Both Ancestral Pueblo and Haudenosaunee communities grew corn, beans, and squash. Inuit communities hunted seals and other animals and fished.
3	Give two details that show how Arctic conditions shaped Inuit life.	Answers may include hunting seals, fishing, traveling by kayak or dog sled, using snow blocks for some winter homes, or using sod, stone, or animal skins for shelters.
4	How were all three societies alike in their relationship to local resources?	All three societies used local resources and adapted their homes, food, travel, or other practices to their environments.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Ancestral Pueblo peoples used limited water carefully to farm in the dry Southwest. Haudenosaunee built longhouses with wood frames and bark from forests. Inuit traveled by kayak or dog sled because Arctic conditions changed with the seasons. Both Ancestral Pueblo peoples and Haudenosaunee grew corn, beans, and squash, but their homes used different local materials.

Accept accurate comparisons supported by the passage. For the open response, check that all three societies are named, each has an accurate environmental connection, and the final sentence makes a valid comparison.