Changing Indiana Land

Compare how people met their needs in early Indiana.

3.G.7 "Describe the difference in how Native Americans and early settlers of Indiana adapted to and modified their environment to meet their needs."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two ways Miami families used or changed their surroundings, and circle two ways settlers used or changed theirs. Look at your marks to compare their choices.

Two Ways of Living on the Land

1. Long before Indiana became a state, Miami families lived near rivers and forests in this region. Rivers gave them fish and a way to travel by canoe. They used wood and bark from nearby trees to build homes. When seasons changed, families used different places for hunting, fishing, or growing food. Living near water helped them meet many needs.

2. Miami communities also changed the land. They cleared small areas of forest for gardens and planted corn, beans, and squash. They gathered nuts and hunted animals in the woods. By leaving much of the forest standing, they could keep using its plants and animals. Their gardens changed part of the land, while the nearby woods still provided food and materials.

3. In the early 1800s, settlers came to Indiana, often onto land Native peoples had been forced to give up. Like Miami families, settlers used nearby trees to build homes. Many cut down large areas of forest for fields and roads. They planted crops and used roads to move goods. Both groups used local resources, but settlers often changed more forest into farmland.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did Miami families travel, and what did settlers make to help move goods?

2. How did both groups use trees for homes? How else did settlers use trees?

3. How did Miami communities and settlers each change the land to grow food?

4. Why did Miami communities leave much of the forest standing, while many settlers cleared large areas?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Draw the same place in Indiana in two panels, showing a Miami family using it in one panel and an early settler family using it in the other. Write a caption for each panel about a need and a change to the land, then write one sentence comparing the changes.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.G.7

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two ways Miami families used or changed their surroundings, and circle two ways settlers used or changed theirs. Look at your marks to compare their choices. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Miami families travel, and what did settlers make to help move goods?	**Miami families traveled by canoe on rivers. Settlers made roads to move goods.**
2	How did both groups use trees for homes? How else did settlers use trees?	**Miami families used wood and bark to build homes, and settlers used nearby trees to build homes. Settlers also cut down trees to make space for fields and roads.**
3	How did Miami communities and settlers each change the land to grow food?	**Miami communities cleared small areas for gardens. Many settlers cleared large areas of forest for fields.**
4	Why did Miami communities leave much of the forest standing, while many settlers cleared large areas?	**Miami communities kept using forest plants and animals for food and materials. Many settlers cleared forest to make fields and roads.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Panel 1 shows a river, trees, and a small garden. Caption: A Miami family clears a small garden to grow corn for food. Panel 2 shows the same river beside a large field and fewer trees. Caption: A settler family cuts down many trees to make a field for food. Comparison: Both families change the land to grow food, but the settler family clears more forest.

Accept other passage-based details about how each group met a need. In Part 3, look for two views of the same place and an accurate comparison of how the families changed it.