IROQUOIS EXERCISES



- 1. Study a map of North America. Find the area in which the Iroquois lived. How large is that area?
- 2. Make a time line or a table in which you describe the history of the Iroquois.
- 3. What influence did the (white) Europeans and Americans have on the Iroquois?
- 4. Mention some ways in which other cultures could learn something from the Iroquois.
- 5. What existed already before the earth was created?
- 6. Name some things that were created by the sons of Mother Earth after the creation of the earth. Which son created what?
- 7. How did the different races of people come into existence according to the Iroquois creation myth?
- 8. In many creation myths the world was created by one or more gods. Do you think this is also true for the Iroquois?
- 9. What similarities do you see between the Iroquois creation myth and those of other cultures?

B - exercises

Look at a few websites that deal with this culture and choose one or two that have images, sounds or text that you think are useful for preparing your presentation. Make a summary or a sketch of the Iroquois creation myth on a piece of flip chart paper. As much as possible, try to use the illustrations and images you found on the internet.

Choose one of the following exercises:

1. Make a three-dimensional model (use different materials) of the turtle-world. Use as much information as possible from the creation myth when building this.

or

2. Use large drawings to recreate the Iroquois creation myth. Determine how many drawings are needed and what needs to be in the drawings.

For Instance: drawing 1: Sky Caretaker and Sky Woman live near the Large Tree of Light drawing 2: The wind uproots the Large Tree of Light and Sky Woman falls through the hole What can we learn from the Iroquois about the relationship between different ethnic groups? Search for this information on the internet (especially using the links listed on this website). Create a news item for your local television station.

C - exercises

What struck you most about the Iroquois creation story?





