



ZIIBIWING CENTER

of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE OF MICHIGAN

Upper Elementary (4th-6th Grades) Hunting & Gathering Exercise

Name: _____

Score: _____ / _____

1. What form of writing did the Anishinabek use? *The Anishinabek wrote their stories in the forms of pictographs and petroglyphs.*
2. What did they write on? *The Anishinabek wrote on birch bark scrolls and rocks.*
3. What type of materials can be used to...
 - Cover lodges?
 - a. *Birch bark*
 - b. *Cattail reed*
 - Make canoes?
 - a. *Birch bark*
 - b. *Cedar wood (the ribs)*
4. What do the four colors represent in the Anishinabe culture?

Yellow: *Yellow represents the Asian Races. It represents the time of birth/ babies. It is the color that sits in the eastern direction.*

Red: *Red represents the aboriginal race of people, including the Anishinabek. It also represents youth. Red sits in the southern direction.*

White: *White represents the white race of people. It represents the elder time of life. White sits in the northern direction.*

Black: *Black represents the black race of people. It represents adulthood. Black sets in the western direction.*

11. Share something you learned about the Anishinabe language. Why is the language important?

What are the Anishinabe people doing to revive their language? Answers will vary for first question. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian tribe is pushing to regain its language. They have recorded elders who were fluent, and implemented a school program teaching the children how to speak the language as well. They offer classes at the tribal college in Anishinabemowen to help the adults learn to speak the language.

11. Compare a tradition your family practices to one of the Anishinabe traditions. (Example:

Holidays, ceremonies, recipes, etc...) Answers will vary.