

Dear Teacher:

We are looking forward to your visit to the California State Indian Museum. To prepare for your visit we have the following suggestions:

Publications

We have several publications for sale at the museum that will help you prepare your class.

- Teacher's Packet \$ 1.00
- State Indian Museum Guide \$.50

Two excellent books that are geared for elementary school children

- Whispers from the First Californians \$14.95
- California Chronicle's Native Americans of Northern California \$ 4.00

Date of Visit

- Please be on time for your scheduled visit as there are many other groups scheduled for that same day.
- **If you are 15 minutes or more late, your reservation will be canceled.**
- When you arrive please have your students line up quietly outside the Museum.
- You may then contact the staff person at the front desk and let them know you are ready.
- The staff person will give your group a brief orientation.

Study Questions:

We are enclosing a sample of the study questions for the State Indian Museum that you may use and duplicate. An answer key has been provided for your convenience.

If you need further planning assistance please contact our staff at the museum.

Thank you,

The Museum Staff

Answer Key

1. A. a. everyday b. ceremonial c. widow's
B. rabbit skins
C. soap – stone
2. A. by trading with coastal tribes
B. abalone clam (dentalium)
3. A. Throwing stones and mud balls
B. nets, toggles, traps, spears, hooks
4. A. Acorn
B. mortars and pestles
5. A. 1. redbud 2. fern 3. bear-grass 4. pine roots 5. willow
B. Pomo
C. a. coiling b. twining
6. A. redwood logs
B. a. redwood b. cedar
7. A. a. feathers b. shells c. deer skin
B. a. clapsticks b. whistles c. drum

Study Questions

1. Women – Tradition in a changing world:

A. Name the three types of caps a woman may wear in her lifetime:

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

B. _____ were used as diapers in the old days because they were soft and could be easily washed.

C. _____ was ground into a powder and used the same way as talcum powder is used today.

2. Trails of Trade – Water bones:

A. Where did the Indians get shell beads? _____

B. Name two kinds of shells used by California Indians. _____

3. The Hunt:

A. What was the sling used for? _____

B. California Indians caught trout, steelhead, catfish, salmon, and many other fish. They used _____ and _____ to capture the fish.

4. Ooti (Acorn) Preparing the Meals:

A. What was one of the main plant foods of the central California Indians?
_____.

B. _____ and _____ were used to pound vegetables, seeds, small animals, and birds before cooking.

5. The Baskets

A. Name four basket materials used by California Indians.

1

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B. The world famous feather baskets were made by what tribe?

C. Name two techniques used in California for making baskets:

a.

b.

6. People Along The River

A. Name the material the Yuroks used for making their boats. _____

B. What kinds of materials did the North Western California Indians use to build their houses?

a.

b.

7. The Singers, Women's Regalia & Men's Regalia:

A. Name three materials the California Indians used in the ceremonial and dance regalia:

a.

b.

c.

B. Name three musical instruments used by the California Indians:

a.

b.

c.