
Ohlone Indians (Short Program)



Sixth-Grade Teacher Resource Guide

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Ohlone Indians (Short Program): Lesson Summary and Vocabulary

Lesson Summary: The YSI *Ohlone Indians* program offers a chance for students to engage in in-depth study of the local Native American groups. In the short program, classes will be split up into groups and rotate with their YSI instructors through three different stations. Students go through the steps of acorn preparation and learn about natural food sources, discuss and demonstrate the use of handmade tools, instruments, and games, and learn about plant fibers such as tule and the role they played in Ohlone village life. All students will be able to take home a fiber rope or bracelet. Throughout the program, an emphasis is placed on both the Ohlone peoples' relationship with their environment and on how students can learn about previous cultures in our world today.

Vocabulary: Below are words and concepts that relate to the *Ohlone Indians* program.

Acorns: the nut of the oak tree; a staple crop for the Ohlone peoples

Artifacts: tools, weapons, ornaments, or other discovered objects that come from an earlier culture

Decoy: a fake creature or other lure used to draw animals into a trap

Descendants: the offspring of an individual or group of people, often many generations removed

Leaching: the process of filtering a chemical out of something by pouring liquid through it

Obsidian: a black rock used in making arrowheads; volcanic glass

Ohlone: also known as the Costanoan, are a Native American people of the central and northern California coast

Sandstone: a rough sedimentary rock used for grinding food

Shaman: A tribal leader who acted as the spiritual leader and medicine man or woman

Shells: the hard covering of many invertebrates used for necklaces, containers, and currency

Sinew: the fibrous tissue of an animal that joins muscle and bones

Soaproot: a plant native to California with tough fibers used to craft brushes

Sweatlodge: a stone heated, dome-shaped hut, used for ceremonial steam baths

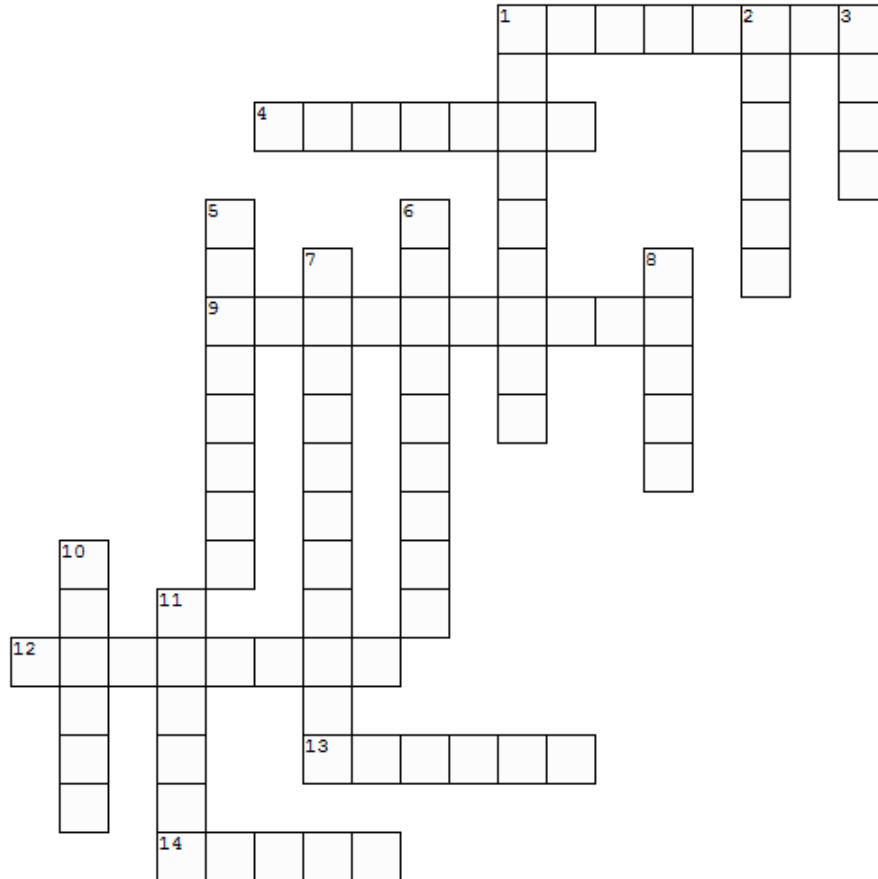
Tannins: toxins found in certain plants that cause a bitter taste and indigestion

Tule: a type of sedge grass found in water that was used to make houses, boats, and tools

Definitions based on www.dictionary.reference.com

Ohlone Indians Language Arts Crossword Puzzle

Fill in the crossword using the words below to practice your Ohlone vocabulary!



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|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|-------|----------|--------|
| SHAMAN | DESCENDANTS | ARTIFACTS | LEACHING | SWEATLODGE | SANDSTONE | | | |
| OBSIDIAN | ACORNS | TULE | OHLONE | DECOY | TANNINS | SINEW | SOAPROOT | SHELLS |

Across

1. A plant native to California with tough fibers used to craft brushes.
4. Toxins found in certain plants that cause a bitter taste and can cause stomach upset if too much is eaten.
9. A special house used by the Ohlone men to prepare spiritually and mentally for hunting and other important work.
12. The process of filtering a chemical out of something by pouring water through it.
13. A tribal leader who acted as the spiritual leader and medicine man or woman.
14. The fibers that join muscles to bones in an animal that were dried and used as string.

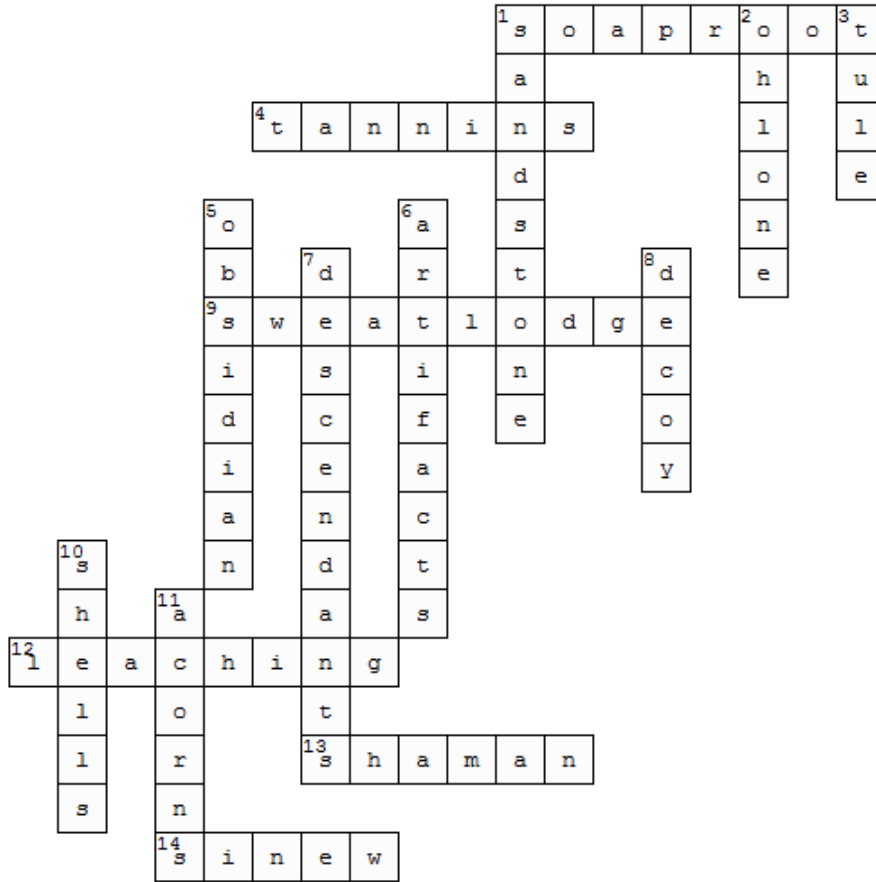
Down

1. A rough sedimentary rock used for grinding food.
2. The groups of people native to the Bay Area.
3. A type of sedge found in water around our area that was used by the Ohlone to make houses, boats, and tools.
5. A black rock used in making arrowheads; volcanic glass.
6. Tools, weapons, or other objects that may be found left behind by the Ohlone or other past cultures
7. The children or children's children of a family or group of people.
8. A fake creature or other lure used to draw animals in to an area to be trapped or killed.
10. The hard covering of many sea animals that was used for necklaces, containers, and strings of trade beads.
11. The nut of the oak tree; a staple crop for the Ohlone peoples.

Answer Key

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Language Arts Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. A plant native to California with tough fibers used to craft brushes (**soaproot**).
4. Toxins found in certain plants that cause a bitter taste and can cause stomach upset if too much is eaten (**tannins**).
9. A special house used by the Ohlone men to prepare spiritually and mentally for hunting and other important work (**sweatlodge**).
12. The process of filtering a chemical out of something by pouring water through it (**leaching**).
13. A tribal leader who acted as the spiritual leader and medicine man or woman (**shaman**).
14. The fibers that join muscles to bones in an animal that were dried and used as string (**sinew**).

Down

1. A rough sedimentary rock used for grinding food (**sandstone**).
2. The groups of people native to the Bay Area (**Ohlone**).
3. A type of sedge found in water around our area that was used by the Ohlone to make houses, boats, and tools (**tule**).
5. A black rock used in making arrowheads; volcanic glass (**obsidian**).
6. Tools, weapons, or other objects that may be found left behind by the Ohlone or other past cultures (**artifacts**).
7. The children or children's children of a family or group of people (**descendants**).
8. A fake creature or other lure used to draw animals into animals in to an area to be trapped or killed (**decoy**).
10. The hard covering of many sea animals that was used for necklaces, containers, and strings of trade beads (**shells**).
11. The nut of the oak tree; a staple crop for the Ohlone peoples (**acorn**).

Language Arts Word Search

Ohlone Indians

Circle the vocabulary in the word search below. Can you find all our Ohlone words?

S	P	W	B	L	U	H	L	C	H	P	W	W	B	B
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H	N	B	O	S	T	W	D	J	W	M	O	Y	O	L
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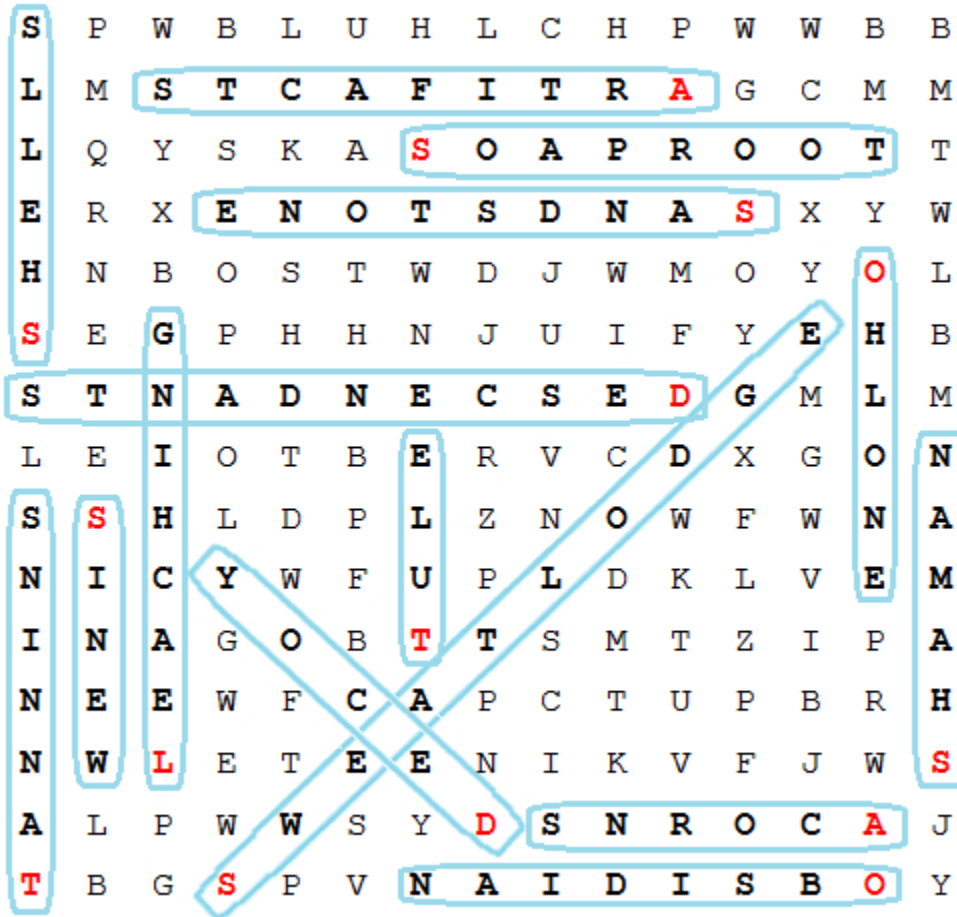
Word Bank

ACORNS
ARTIFACTS
DECOY
DESCENDANTS
LEACHING

OBSIDIAN
OHLONE
SANDSTONE
SHAMAN
SHELLS

SINEW
SOAPROOT
SWEATLODGE
TANNINS
TULE

Answer Key
Language Arts Word Search
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Word Bank

ACORNS	OBSIDIAN	SINEW
ARTIFACTS	OHLONE	SOAPOOT
DECAY	SANDSTONE	SWEATLODGE
DESCENDANTS	SHAMAN	TANNINS
LEACHING	SHELLS	TULE

Ohlone Indians (Short Program): Extension Activities

The extension activities listed below are from RAFT (Resource Area For Teaching). RAFT educational content is available online (www.raftbayarea.org) at no cost and is aligned to California Science Standards and Next Generation Science Standards. Below is a selection of post-visit activities from RAFT to build on student learning about Native Americans, their crafts, and the world they lived in.

[RAFT Idea Gaming Sticks - RAFT Bay Area](#)

Grades Covered: K through 8

Subjects Covered: Math, Social Studies

Curriculum topics: Addition, Probability, American and California History, Game

North American inhabitants have played dice games for hundreds (if not thousands) of years...

<http://www.raftbayarea.org/ideas/Gaming%20Sticks.pdf>

[RAFT Idea Mathematical Dreamcatchers – RAFT Bay Area](#)

Grades Covered: 1 through 5

Subjects Covered: Math, Social Studies, Art

Curriculum topics: Circles, Geometric Shapes, Patterns & Relationships, Native American Culture, Artistic Exploration

Combine traditional Native American culture and modern mathematical concepts to explore geometric shapes and patterns!

<http://www.raftbayarea.org/ideas/Mathematical%20Dream%20Catchers.pdf>

[RAFT Idea Great Impressions – RAFT Bay Area](#)

Grades Covered: pre-K through 12

Subjects Covered: Life Science, Earth/Space Science

Curriculum topics: Fossils

Children are fascinated by fossils. This activity allows them to create their own fossil and to make a casting of it - just like a paleontologist.

<http://www.raftbayarea.org/ideas/Great%20Impressions.pdf>

[RAFT Idea File Folder Weaving – RAFT Bay Area](#)

Grades Covered: K through 8

Subjects Covered: Math, Social Studies

Curriculum topics: Patterns, Symmetry, Traditional Culture

Like so many traditional tasks, weaving can be much more difficult and challenging than many people realize...

<http://www.raftbayarea.org/ideas/File%20Folder%20Weaving.pdf>

Ohlone Indians (Short Program): Education Standards

Our Ohlone Indians program will contribute to students' ability to meet the California History-Social Science Content Standards, Common Core Standards, and Next Generation Science Standards listed below.

California History-Social Science Content Standards Sixth Grade:

6.1: Students describe what is known through archaeological studies of the early physical and cultural development of humankind from the Paleolithic era to the agricultural revolution.

- **6.1-1:** Describe the hunter-gatherer societies, including the development of tools and the use of fire.
- **6.1-2:** Identify the locations of human communities that populated the major regions of the world and describe how humans adapted to a variety of environments.
- **6.1-3:** Discuss the climatic changes and human modifications of the physical environment that gave rise to the domestication of plants and animals and new sources of clothing and shelter.

Excerpted from CA State Standards <http://www.cde.ca.gov/>

Common Core Sixth Grade:

Speaking and Listening Standards: Students will...

1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners on *grade 6 topics, texts, and issues*, building on each others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
 - a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
 - b. Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
 - c. Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
 - d. Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

Excerpted from Common Core Standards <http://www.corestandards.org/>

Next Generation Science Standards Sixth Grade:

Disciplinary Core Ideas: PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter

Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems

- **MS-LS2-1:** Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence for the effects of resource availability on organisms and populations of organisms in an ecosystem.
 - **Science and Engineering Practices:**

Ohlone Indians (Long Program): Education Standards

- **Analyzing and Interpreting Data:** Analyzing data in 6–8 builds on K–5 experiences and progresses to extending quantitative analysis to investigations, distinguishing between correlation and causation, and basic statistical techniques of data and error analysis.
- Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence for phenomena. (MS-LS2-1)
- **Disciplinary core ideas:**
 - **LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems:** Organisms, and populations of organisms, are dependent on their environmental interactions both with other living things and with nonliving factors. (MS-LS2-1)
 - In any ecosystem, organisms and populations with similar requirements for food, water, oxygen, or other resources may compete with each other for limited resources, access to which consequently constrains their growth and reproduction. (MS-LS2- 1)
 - Growth of organisms and population increases are limited by access to resources. (MS-LS2-1)
- **Crosscutting Concepts**
 - **Cause and Effect:** Cause and effect relationships may be used to predict phenomena in natural or designed systems. (MS-LS2-1)

Excerpted from NGSS <http://www.nextgenscience.org/>