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***The Osage*** - by Becky Riehecky**GUIDED READING - QUESTIONS & VOCABULARY:**

Look for these words as you read. Determine their meaning from how they are used:



series

Oklahoma

constitution

native

allottee

tradition

native peoples

headrights

boarding school

sapling

inherit

sacred

Siouan

Reign of Terror

arbor

extinct

mural

l'n-Lon-Schka

reservation

lineage

missionaries

**PREREADING:****Using Book and Text Clues**

On the title page of this book (the first page with printing on it), above the title in a colored box it says, "Native Peoples."

Look at the outside of the book's back cover. These titles show that this book is a part of a \_\_\_\_\_ (a group of books on related topics).

What does the word "**native**" mean in the term "**native peoples**"? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you heard of any of the other tribes in this series - listed on the back page? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, write its name: \_\_\_\_\_ (varies)

**Skim through this book:**

How do you know what each section is about? \_\_\_\_\_

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What page would help you understand words you don't know? Page \_\_\_\_\_

**p. 4 Map & caption**

What four states did the Osage control in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What state is their reservation in today? \_\_\_\_\_

### p. 5 Fast Facts

(True or False) **Today** Osage live in modern houses, shop at grocery stores, wear modern clothes, and speak mainly English. \_\_\_\_\_

### Answer the following questions about Osage in the early days:

**Homes:** Did the Osage live in tepees? \_\_\_\_\_

A small thin (bendable) tree is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

Describe the traditional Osage home. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Food:** What are 7 foods they ate? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Which of these foods do you eat? \_\_\_\_\_

**Clothing:** In very early days, what was their clothing made from? \_\_\_\_\_

**Language:** The Osage language belongs to what language group? \_\_\_\_\_

The book says the Osage language had nearly gone **extinct**. What does this mean?

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What are the Osage trying to do today to their traditional language? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you think people could bring back a language? \_\_\_\_\_

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### p. 6 Osage Tribal Name

The word Wazhazhe means People of the \_\_\_\_\_.

### p 7 Osage History

The traditional Osage village had a road down the middle with two different groups on each side. Who were these two groups: \_\_\_\_\_

Today the U.S. has a Secretary of State who works to keep peace, and a Secretary of Defense who makes sure we are prepared for war if necessary. Who were the two chiefs in the Osage tribe? \_\_\_\_\_

What country were their traders from? \_\_\_\_\_

The Osage began to be crowded by what two groups of people? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## p. 8 Osage Oil

The first paragraph tells about how the Osage's land was taken from them. They were forced onto a piece of land called a \_\_\_\_\_ in the state of \_\_\_\_\_.

### DO YOU KNOW?

Where do we get oil from? \_\_\_\_\_

How did the oil get there? \_\_\_\_\_

When oil was discovered on their reservation, who did the Osage decide should receive the money from it? \_\_\_\_\_

Each person on the list of owners in the nation at that time (1906) was called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_. This means they were "allotted" a share of the ownership.

Their ownership shares in the oil were called \_\_\_\_\_.

When family members die and pass their property (money or things) to their children, we say the child will \_\_\_\_\_ that property.

If a family owning one headright had two children, what fraction of the headright would each child inherit? \_\_\_\_\_

How did some people treat the Osage in order to get their wealth from the oil?  
\_\_\_\_\_

This bad time for the Osages is called the "\_\_\_\_\_."

## P. 10 Photos

What do we call a large painting that is painted directly on a wall? \_\_\_\_\_

Osages have created many beautiful murals displaying their culture.

## P. 11 Osage Government

UPDATE: Some things have changed in Osage population and government since this book was written.

This book says the population of Osage people in all the U.S. is about \_\_\_\_\_.

**Today** the Osage population is around 20,000.

Also, the book says that Osages' headrights decide how much their vote counts. **This has changed.** Over years, many Osage - esp. younger people - no longer had headrights (or only small fractions), so they felt left out of their government. To include these people, the Osage changed their **constitution. Today all people with Osage lineage can vote, and everyone's vote counts equally.**

Your \_\_\_\_\_ means the line of people in your family tree who were your ancestors.

How do you think allowing more people to vote has affected the Osage Nation?

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\_\_\_\_\_

A \_\_\_\_\_ is a set of basic ideas that decide how a government is set up.

Name some of the leadership positions in Osage government: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
UPDATE: In the new constitution, the 8-member tribal council is now the 12-member “Osage Nation Congress.”

Do the Osage still have very large incomes from vast oil production? \_\_\_\_\_

**p. 13 Osage Family**

How important is family to the Osage? \_\_\_\_\_

Does “family” even include their distant relatives? \_\_\_\_\_

In what ways, and at what times, can it be helpful to have a large, supportive family in your life? List at least three situations:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In times past, extended families (aunts, uncles, cousins) would live together in the same large lodge. This meant families were very close to one another. These two examples of Osage words for family members show this effect:

Why do the Osage have the same name for “mother” and “aunt”? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How do the Osage think of “cousins”? \_\_\_\_\_

When do Osage families have their reunions? \_\_\_\_\_

**p. 15 Osage Education**

What is the word used in this section that means: a custom, idea or belief that is passed on to younger people by older relatives or tribal members? \_\_\_\_\_

In the past, what were Osage boys taught to become? \_\_\_\_\_

Who planted the crops? \_\_\_\_\_

A \_\_\_\_\_ is a school where children leave their families, living all the time (day and night) at their school.

Why did the U.S. government force Osage children to leave their homes and go live in boarding schools? \_\_\_\_\_

How young were the children who had to leave their families? \_\_\_\_\_

The Osage students in boarding schools were forced to learn English and not allowed to speak Osage. What effect would this have on the Osage language? \_\_\_\_\_

From what you know about Osage's feeling of importance of family and learning by watching family members do things, what effect did the boarding schools have? \_\_\_\_\_

How do Osage treat their older people? \_\_\_\_\_

How do older members serve the tribe? \_\_\_\_\_

### p. 16 Sharing Traditions

What tribes did the Osage share traditions with? \_\_\_\_\_

What did those tribes give to the Osage Nation? \_\_\_\_\_

From this page, what do you think the word **sacred** means? \_\_\_\_\_

### p. 17 I'n-Lon-Schka

What is the name for the main Osage ceremonial dances centered on the sacred drum?  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many days does the **I'n-Lon-Schka** dance last? \_\_\_\_\_

It is held in an **Arbor**. Describe this kind of building: \_\_\_\_\_

What is in the center of the arbor and the dances? \_\_\_\_\_

Who sits around it in a circle? \_\_\_\_\_

Which direction do the dancers go? \_\_\_\_\_

Dancers stay in step to the beat of the \_\_\_\_\_.

How do Osage feel when they are dancing? \_\_\_\_\_

At what times might people of non-Indian cultures feel this way?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think the Osage don't allow people to take pictures of the dance?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**p. 18-19 Ceremonial Dress**

Tell two of the things the men wear in the l'n-Lon-schka dance. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Which of these items do you think goes back to the earliest days of the Osage?

\_\_\_\_\_

How did the Osage men of the past wear their hair? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the roach & what goes on top: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What are two things the women wear in the dance? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What are two things that *both* the women and the men wear? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**p. 21 Religion**

Do the Osage have a strong religious tradition? \_\_\_\_\_

In their traditional religion in early days, Wa-kon-ta is their \_\_\_\_\_.

The sun was considered their \_\_\_\_\_.

How did the Osage feel about animals? \_\_\_\_\_.

The Osage prayed to borrow hunting or fighting skills from animals. Name an animal and a skill it has that you would like to have. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Who were the people that tried to convert (change) the Osage into Christians?

\_\_\_\_\_

How did most of these people treat the Osage regarding their religious beliefs?

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\_\_\_\_\_

Where does the Native American Church get its beliefs? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Give two possible reasons why you think most Osage eventually became Christians?

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**p. 22 The Hand Game**

What things do you need to play this game? \_\_\_\_\_

What if you were outside and wanted to play this game without any of the above things. How could you make your own game pieces? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name a game you play that involves guessing: \_\_\_\_\_

**OSAGE TRADITIONS**

**Write a paragraph about an Osage tradition. Consider the following Osage traditions:**

1. Having a very large, supportive family
2. Having close relationships with older people
3. Dancing together in a large group to a sacred drum at l'n-lon-schka
4. Having a beautiful ceremonial outfit
5. Having traditional stories from times when your ancestors lived off the land
6. Playing the Hand Game

**In a topic sentence, tell which of the above Osage traditions you like best. In at least three more sentences, tell the reasons why.**

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