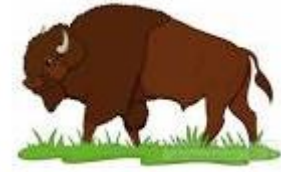


Teachers Guide - Introduction to the Buffalo

Review these fundamentals with students
(from earlier lessons on **Osage Foods**, and **Early Farming, Hunting, and Food Preservation**):



Q: What other animals did Osage hunt besides buffalo?

Q: How often did the Osage hunt buffalo out on the western plains?

- Hunting was an important element in Osage life
- Men began the hunting season in February and March with bear and beaver
- In May the summer hunt for bison and deer began
- The fall hunt for bison and deer started in September (after fall harvest of corn beans and squash) and lasted until December

Complete three activities in this lesson:

1. Read and discuss **The Importance of the Buffalo**
2. Examine poster **Traditional Uses of the Bison** - have them circle 5 most important uses (answers will vary) - Explain WHY made these choices - to a partner). These choices will go with following activity.
3. Complete the **connect-the-dots** - draw arrows to body parts and add **labels for 5 most important uses** of the bison.