

	OSAGE CLASSROOM LESSONS
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Unit Lessons Titles	UNIT H. The Osage Language
& Grade Levels	1. Osage Language Origins (Grades 6-12)
	2. Why Save a Language (Grades 6-12)
	3. Developing an Osage Orthography (Grades 6-12)
	4. Osage Immersion School Today (Grades 6-12)
	5. Fun with Osage Language APP (Grades 3-12)
	6. Learn Some Osage (Grades 1-12)7. Osage Word Poem - Writing Activity (Grades 6-12)
	8. Osage Place Names (Grades 3-12)
	Each lesson can be taught independent of the others.
Summary	Osage Language Origins - Students will learn about linguistics as a
Julilliary	historical and geographical tool; examine language family trees of English and
	Osage languages. 2. Why Save a Language - Students will read how indigenous
	languages were lost; then, through quotes from Native Americans, discover
	five reasons why indigenous languages are important to preserve. 3.
	Developing an Osage Orthography - Students will follow the fascinating
	process of inventing a system of writing for a language and its sounds, and the
	dreams-to-reality story of creating an Osage Orthography. 4. Osage Immersion
	School Today - Students define "immersion" and read about the methods and
	long-term goals of a language immersion school. 5. Fun with Osage Language
	APP - Students download app and experiment with features such as listen &
	learn, games, self-testing, and cultural recordings 6. Learn Some Osage -
	Students can complete 1 or all 10 of the Osage Language Dept beginner
	lessons to learn some Osage on their own; can practice with colorful picture-
	word flash cards; learn Number Words with Number Word Search. 7. Osage
	Word Poem - Writing Activity - Students review cultural importance of
	indigenous languages, choose word(s) from the Osage Cultural Glossary, and
	write a poem incorporating aspects of Osage culture and poetic devices such
	as imagery and figurative language. 8. Osage Place Names - Students
	compare geographical place names of the Osage compared to modern place
	names; then read Reference list of remaining Osage place names today &
	geographic locations, categorize four types, analyze variations, French &
	English origins.
Subject Areas	Social Studies, Language Arts Reading & Writing
Grade Levels	See above in Lesson Titles
	Adapt to lower grade levels:
	Print Fact Sheets in larger font, wider space - read aloud
	Select grade-level-appropriate Review Questions on MS Word document.
Time Length	Each lesson: 1-2 periods (50 min)
Standards	OKLAHOMA - Language Arts - CS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Oklahoma - Social Studies -
	All grades: PALS - SS 1.A, 1.B, 1.C; SS 2.A.1, 2.A.2, 2.A.3; SS 3.A, 3.B
	Grade 3: CS 3.1.A, D; CS 3.2, 3.2.A, CS 4.3, 4.5, 4.7, 4.11, 4.12

Grade 4: CS 1.2. C, D; CS 1.4, CS 2.1, 2.3

Grade 5: CS 5.3

Grade 6: CS 1.1, CS 1.2, CS 1.3; CS 3.1.A,B; CS 4.1 cultural traits of language

Grade 7: CS 1.1; CS 1.2; CS 1.3 Grade 8: CS 4.1.E; CS 4.6.C.; CS 6.4

High School

US History 1878 to present: CS 1.2; CS 1.2.B; CS 1.2.C; CS 3.1.D; CS 5.4.D; CS 7.2 Oklahoma History: CS 1.1; CS 1.2; CS 1.3; CS 1.4; CS 2.1; CS 2.3; CS 2.7; CS 4.1;

CS 4.4; CS 5.3; CS 5.5, CS 5.9

Sociology: CS 2.2 language & communication

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Language Arts: SL, W, RI Social Studies: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Objectives

The student will

1. Osage Language Origins

- Define historical linguistics, archaeology, proto-, descent and learn how language can be a historical and geographical tool
- Examine the Proto-Indoeuropean language family tree and find English and its surprising parent languages
- Examine the Proto-Siouan language family tree and locate Osage helping to reveal the geographic tool

2. Why Save a Language

- Discover why and how indigenous languages have been lost
- Explain five reasons with supporting examples why native languages should be preserved
- Case study: explain how the Osage language was almost lost, but is now being revitalized

3. Developing an Osage Orthography

- Define linguistic terms such as character, phonemes, orthography
- Differentiate steps in the challenging process of developing a new writing system for a language
- Explain new technologies for language: need for Unicode international computer language system

4. Osage Immersion School Today

- Define "immersion" and relate concept to a language school
- Describe the Osage Immersion School including its goals, methods, and importance to the Osage Nation

5. Fun with Osage Language APP

 Utilize Osage Language APP to hear spoken Osage - including culturally significant recordings, learn words, play games, self-test, access art and MAP of Osage ancestral lands

6. Learn Some Osage

- Follow basic beginner lessons to actually learn some Osage sounds & words
- Utilize colorful Flash Cards to review basic Osage words
- Complete an Osage Number Words Word Search

7. Osage Word Poem - Writing Activity

	Utilize culturally significant Osage language words in creative writing -
	poem incorporating aspect of Osage culture
	Apply poetic devices such as imagery, personification, simile and metaphor
	in writing a poem
	8. Osage Place Names
	Compare modern place names to the earlier Osage place names connected
	to nature and land, especially rivers and waterways, and consider how and
	why these were lost
	Classify four types of Osage Place Names remaining today
	Relate place names to French and English influences
	Classify Osage place names of political entities: cities and counties
Activities	Also - Lesson 8 Place Names - See Teachers Activity Guide
	Other lessons:
	Discussion - in partners, small or large groups:
	Review Pre-reading Discussion questions & preview
	 Pre-reading - What do you already know about this subject?
	What do you want to know?
	Independently, in small groups, or as whole class:
	 Students read and interpret Maps, Fact Sheets and other readings.
	 Students complete Review Questions and other indicated activities.
	Wrap-up Discussion - in partners, small or large groups:
	Post-reading - What did you learn?
Assessment	Review Questions - short answer and vocabulary
	Essay question writing
Materials /	Print Materials provided:
Technology Needed	a. Language Unit-Teachers Guide
	b. Osage Cultural Glossary - reference sheet
	c. Osage Orthography Sound Guide - reference sheet
	1. Origins of Osage Language
	a. Osage Language Origins Factsheet
	b. Osage Language Origins Review Qs
	c. Osage Language Origins Review Qs KEY
	2. Why Save a Language
	a. Why Save a Language Fact Sheet
	b. Why Save a Language Review Qs
	c. Why Save a Language Review Qs KEY
	3. Developing an Osage Orthography
	a. Developing Osage Orthography Fact Sheet
	b. Developing Osage Orthography Vocab & Review Qs
	c. Developing Osage Orthography Vocab & Review Qs- KEY
	Osage Immersion School Today a. Immersion School Fact Sheet
	a. Immersion School Fact Sheet b. Immersion School Review Qs
	c. Immersion School Review Qs
	a. Osage Place Names Review Qs KEY
	5. Fun with Osage Language APP
	a. How-to Lang App Guide & suggested activities
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	6. Learn Some Osage
	a. Beginner Lessons 1-5
	b. Beginner Lessons 6-10
	c. Flash Cards
	d. Number Words Search
	7. Osage Word Poem - Writing Activity
	a. Osage Word Poem - Writing Guide & Example (Choose word from
	Osage Cultural Glossary reference sheet)
	8. Osage Place Names
	b. Intro-Teachers Guide
	c. Osage Place Names List FS
	d. Osage Place Names Review Qs
EXTENDED	Students formulate question and conduct research on a related topic.
LEARNING	a) See list of other Unit Topics in Osage "INFORMATION RESOURCES" section
	 read 1-2 pg Fact Sheets - esp. Unit I. Osage Traditional Clothing - cutout, color & label activity
	b) Other on-line resources - esp. see SOURCES section of Fact Sheet for
	further investigation
	c) Present results orally to class and in writing - various formats - essay,
	poster, fiction story, power point, video (share with Osage Cultural
	Center/ Osage Nation Museum)