Name

OSAGE LANGUAGE ORIGINS - Fact Sheet - Review Questions

Osage Nation Lessons

VOCABULARY

A. linguistics D. language family

B. historical linguistics E. descent

C. archaeology F. proto

G. proto-language

H. geographical

I. mutually intelligible

- 1. __H_ where things are located (as depicted on a map)
- 2. __F__ the original or first of something
- 3. ___G__ the common ancestral or parental language in a language family tree
- 4. __A__ scientific study of language its form and meaning
- 5. __B__ study of how language changes over time
- 6. ___C__ excavation of sites and analysis of the artifacts and physical remains
- 7. __I__ when two languages can be somewhat understood by their speakers
- 8. D group of languages related through descent
- 9. **E** when something is handed down

Family Tree of the ENGLISH Language

- 10. What is the original parent or proto-language of English? Proto-Indo-European
- 11. What language is English most closely linked to (an earlier form of English)?

 Old English
- 12. What country in Europe today speaks the language mostly closely related to English (three sub-divisions of this language are shown on the tree: north, west, & east): <u>German</u>
- 13. What are three other countries in Europe today speak languages that come from this large division: any 3 of Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands (Dutch)
- 14. What other language are you most surprised to find in the same language family as English? (answers vary)

Family Tree of the OSAGE Language

- 15. What is the original parent or proto-language of Osage? Proto-Siouan
- 16. Dhegiha is one of the four sub-divisions (legs) of the Mississippi Valley Siouan subdivision.
- 17. There are five tribes in the Dhegiha subdivision. They are: Osage (in any order) Omaha Ponca Kansa Quapaw

Geographical history:

- 18. Of these four groups, which was the last to separate from the Osage, and today has the language closest to Osage? <u>Kansas (Kaw)</u>
- 19. The Osage were the last Dhegiha Siouan tribe to leave the St. Louis area.