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## ***Wahzhazhe: An Osage Ballet*** **Review Questions**

1. *Wahzhazhe* means Osage. It came from the French. The original Osage word for themselves is *Nee Oh-kah-shkahn* meaning Children of the Middle Waters.
2. *Wahzhazhe: An Osage Ballet* provides a history of the Osage people and culture through dance and music.
3. Why might it be a good idea to tell history through and dance and music? (answers vary - i.e. because it will be more interesting and entertaining, music and dance are fun, etc.)
4. Write the names of two scenes which make you interested. Then go to the website [“The Story”](#) and read about those two scenes. Write a brief summary of what they are about:
  - a. Scene title: (answers vary): ex: Royalty of the Plains  
Story summary: Tells of the pre-European contact days when the Osage were happy and living in harmony with nature. They relied on the buffalo, hunting, and farming, and moved their villages to live in harmony with nature.
  - b. Scene title: (answers vary): ex: The Reign of Terror  
Story summary: Describes huge invasion of people into Osage County following discovery of oil. Tells terrible story of how corrupt people murdered many Osages for their money.
5. Watch the dancing, costuming, and choreography and hear the stirring music in the [Osage Ballet Sizzle Reel](#). What is one thing you like about it: (answers vary) i.e. the powerful music
6. What is one place outside of the Oklahoma region where the Osage ballet has been performed: any 1: Santa Fe, New Mexico; Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
7. What does it take to create a ballet production? Tell three of the positions of people involved in creating *Whazhazhe: An Osage Ballet*: any 3: Director, Choreographer, Artistic Advisor, Music composers, Music arranger & Orchestrator, Costume Designer, Set designer
8. *Whazhazhe: An Osage Ballet* honors the legacy of ballet created by the famous Osage ballerinas, Maria and Marjorie Tallchief. To continue this tradition, the Dance Maker Performing Arts Academy offers dance education opportunities to all young people in the area today.