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**IN-LON-SCHKA - OSAGE CEREMONIAL DANCES - Review Questions**



1. The In-Lon-Schka is one of the most important ceremonial gatherings in the Osage culture.
2. It was received in the 1880's as a gift from the Ponca and Kaw people, who are closely related to the Osage.
3. **PURPOSE:** In-Lon-Schka celebrates and passes on Osage culture to younger generations, and unites Osages who come from all around the reservation and across the United States to attend.
4. Both the In-Lon-Schka and modern Native American pow-wows include these: singing, drumming, and dancing.
5. The difference between them is In-Lon-Schka is spiritual (means related to sacred or religious matters), while the pow-wow is mainly secular (means not spiritual).
6. What are the three Osage communities in which the dances are held?  
Grayhorse  
Hominy  
Pawhuska
7. During In-lon-schka, people dance in the afternoon, eat dinner, and then dance again late into the night.
8. Because it is a spiritual event, no one is allowed to take photographs during In-Lon-Schka dancing - only before and after.
9. The In-Lon-Schka dances take place in an arbor (large open building).
10. A drum is placed in the middle with drummers and singers around it.
11. The dancers surround the drum and dance around it, all going counter-clockwise (direction), taking small steps in beat with the drum.



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12. Osage wear historical Osage clothing in the dances. What are the six parts of the men and boy's clothing:

- dance shirt
- scarf
- breechcloth
- leggings
- moccasins
- roach

13. Women wear a shawl or blanket draped over their clothing.



14. What are some of the special positions of people who work and help hold the dances? (List six) Chairman of Dance Committee, Drum Keeper, Town Crier, Head Singer, Head Cook, Tall Dancers, Water Boys

15. Why do you think it is important for the Osage to continue holding the In-Lon-Schka dances? (answers vary - to preserve their traditions, to preserve unity of their nation, to have a good time, to strengthen spiritual meaning in their lives)

**MATCHING:**

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| A. spiritual | E. secular    |
| B. water boy | F. town crier |
| C. roach     | G. June       |
| D. arbor     |               |

16. G month when the In-Lon-Schka dances take place
17. F rings the bell to tell that the dances are about to start
18. B brings water to the singers and dances
19. A sacred or religious
20. E not spiritual
21. D building with a roof but no walls - open on sides
22. C man's tall headdress made of deer hair, porcupine hair, and an eagle feather