

	OSAGE CLASSROOM LESSONS	
	THE OSAGE PEOPLE - TODAY	
TEACHERS GUIDE		
Unit Lessons Titles	UNIT M. LANDS TODAY	
& Grade Levels	1. Bird Creek Farms: Community Agriculture Serving the Community (Grade	
	4-12)	
	a) Osage Ranching Traditions & the Bluestem Ranch (Grades 4-12)	
	Recommend precede this lesson with: Unit B. Lands-Past: Lesson 5.a.	
	Lands & Minerals 1872 - Today Fact Sheet	
	Each lesson can be taught independent of the others.	
Summary	1. Bird Creek Farms: Community Agriculture Serving the Community In	
	reading and answering review questions about this farm and its broad	
	goals including gardening and food production, conservation, and	
	education, students gain breadth of related knowledge about local	
	watershed, agriculture, gardening methods, outdoor recreation, and	
	community needs.	
	2. Osage Ranching Traditions & the Bluestem Ranch Students will read and	
	answer questions about the origins of Osage ranching traditions, and	
	current efforts to re-acquire lost lands, such as at the Bluestem Ranch, to	
	establish profitable agricultural operations there, and help re-establish the	
	Osages' deep connection to natural landscapes. Students will write a	
	paragraph on the importance of re-acquisition of tribal lands.	
Subject Areas	Social Studies, Language Arts Reading & Writing, Science - Agronomy: Plant &	
	Animal Science	
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, 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 4: CS 1.2.D; 1.3, 1.4 farming & ranching; CS 2.1; CS 2.4	
	Grade 5: CS 5.3	
	Grade 6: CS 1.1, 1.3; CS 3.1. bodies of water-Mississippi basin; 3.1.B; CS 4.1	
	Grade 7: CS 1.1; 1.3	
	Grade 8: 4.1.E, 4.2, 4.2.C.,; CS 4.6.C.; CS 6.4	
	High School -	
	U.S. History 1878 to present - CS 1.2, 1.2.B, 1.2.C; CS 3.1; CS 5.4.D; CS 7.2	
	Oklahoma History: CS 1.1, 1.3; CS 1.4; CS 2.3, 2.6, 2.7 allotment; CS 4.1, 4.4 CS	
	5.5. 5.7 cattle industry; CS 5.9	
	Sociology CS 2.2, CS 6.1; 8.1	
	Economics: 1.1	
	KANSAS	
	Language Arts: SL, W, RI	
	Social Studies: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	

Objectives	The student will
	Bird Creek Farms: Community Agriculture Serving the Community
	Compare unit "acre" to a football field to gain perspective on size
	Define "watershed" and "fork" in a river - discuss importance of waterways
	in location and development of communities
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	connect Bird Creek to all adjacent waterways up until the Mississippi River define a second state and state and a filled Creek Farmer in
	define community garden, and state goals of Bird Creek Farms in
	community agriculture, and serving community needs such as firewood
	state advantages of high tunnel hoop houses
	Define various agricultural methods such as hydroponics and aquaponics
	Explain benefits of bee-keeping and ways to help pollinators
	Describe educational and recreational activities at Bird Creek Farms
	Osage Ranching Traditions & the Bluestem Ranch
	List two ways Osage landowners managed their pastures after allotment
	(recommend read about allotment in Unit B lesson 5)
	Explain how Bluestem Ranch got its name - from primary tallgrass prairie
	species
	Describe four ideas of longterm goals for the ranch
	Tell three more immediate economic goals of the ranch
	In writing, explain importance of land re-acquisition and symbolism of the
	Bluestem Ranch in this effort
Activities	
Activities	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. Lands Today Unit-Teachers Guide
	1. Bird Creek Farms
	a. Bird Creek Farms Fact Sheet
	b. Bird Creek Farms Review Qs
	c. Bird Creek Farms Review Qs KEY
	2. Ranching Traditions & Bluestem Ranch
	a. Ranching Traditions & Bluestem Ranch Fact Sheet
	b. Ranching Traditions & Bluestem Ranch Review Qs
	c. Ranching Traditions & Bluestem Ranch Review Qs KEY
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EXTENDED	Students formulate question and conduct research on a related topic.
LEARNING	b) See list of other Unit Topics in Osage "INFORMATION RESOURCES" section
	- read 1-2 pg Fact Sheets - esp.
	Unit B. Lands - Past

- c) B.5.a. Lands & Minerals 1872 Today Fact Sheet
- d) B.5.b. Map Ecosystems of the Osage Reservation
- e) Other on-line resources esp. see SOURCES section of Fact Sheet for further investigation
- f) 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)