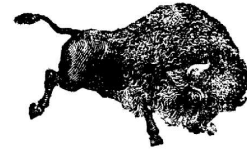


A Teacher's Guide to **Plains Indian Tipi** **Activity & Tour (PreK-2)** Guided Tour Experience



Buffalo Bill Historical Center
720 Sheridan Avenue
Cody, WY 82414

Tour Description

Students explore the tipi as a dwelling for Plains Indians peoples. We discuss how the tipi is a large part of cultural history and how it is still used today. Students make a miniature tipi using their own designs.

Objectives

Students see how human needs and concerns are addressed within cultures. Students observe firsthand different types of artistic works from Plains Indians peoples of today and from the past. Students see how the tipi was an important part of family history to the Plains Indians.

Suggested Activities To Do Before Your Tour

- Discuss your upcoming trip to the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. Have your class brainstorm a list of rules to follow while at the BBHC.
- Get the book *Plains Indian Punch out Panorama* and make a tipi display for your classroom.
- Discuss the following vocabulary words:

buffalo hide

camp

culture

reservation

tradition

Suggested Activities To Do After Your Tour

- Have students draw a picture of their own home and yard. Compare it to the tipi that they made.
- Discuss traditions with your students and make a list of traditions that we have in our culture or homes today.
- Discuss with children different times when people have been moved from their homes by force and why. (Example: wars, natural disasters, etc.)