



#### Wreaths Across America Lesson Plan

Teacher:	Date:
Grade: 1st	Lesson: American Indian Heritage Month Stolen Words

OBJECTIVES:		STRATEGIES:
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.1.1		Drawing/Coloring
questions about key details in		Writing
LITERACY.RI.1.2 Identify the	main topic and retell	Think/Pair/Share
key details of a text.		Collaboration
		<ul> <li>Discussion Questions</li> </ul>
		□ Small Groups
		□ Large Group
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MATERIALS:	the You Tell the Story America, Copies of the	net (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; Copies of Analysis Worksheet; Copies of The Cree Indians in What's in Your Name Worksheet; Copies of <i>Stolen</i> der Worksheet; Copies of the Dreamcatcher Coloring
Engage: Hook the students	directions. The student share their answer. T/P/S Question: Have you? What was it? Ho find the item? If so, how	ty- Pair the students with a partner. Explain the T/P/S s will think of their answer, get with their partner and you ever lost something that was very important to w did it make you feel when you lost it? Did you ever w did it make you feel to find it?
Explore: Students make	Play the YouTube Rea	d Aloud Stolen Words by Author: Melanie Florence,
sense of a concept through	Illustrator: Gabrielle Gr	imard <u>https://youtu.be/jgIRIXviAv0?t=26</u>
observations.		book, the author, and the illustrator on the board.
	-	nts the Stolen Words Oral Question and Answer
		e copies of You Tell the Story Analysis Worksheet.
	-	The Cree Indians in America, read it aloud, go over the
	underlined vocabulary	
	-	What's in Your Name Worksheet.
	-	Stolen Words Alphabetical Order Worksheet.
		Dreamcatcher Coloring Sheet.
Explain: Teacher introduces		genous livestock
formal vocabulary and		ervation
language to students.		stock
Elaborate: Students apply	-	the You Tell the Story Analysis Worksheet identifying
what they have learned.		details of the book <i>Stolen Words</i> . Students will ask
		about the key details of the book Stolen Words. The
		ne Stolen Words Oral Question Answer Sheets;
		nderstanding of the Cree Indian and their trials as
		noved from their homes and being forced to learn a
	language other than th	
	the dreamcatcher.	lete an alphabetical order worksheet and learn about
Evaluate: assessment.		se which activities to use as formal/informal
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Enrichment/Service-		n a way to serve in their local community in honor of
Learning Project		rs. See a list of potential projects on the last page.
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## Stolen Words Oral Questions/Answers

1. Do you think the granddaughter likes her school?

The granddaughter is very excited about making a dreamcatcher at school, when she leaves for the day, she is skipping and singing. She appears to really like her school.

2. Why was Grandfather sad when his Granddaughter asked him the Cree word for Grandfather? Grandfather was taken away from his home as a young boy by the men and women in black, they took all the children to the boarding schools.

3. Who took Grandfathers words? The people who worked at the school would punish the children when they spoke in their native language. They locked their words away.

4. Why is grandpa sad when he thinks about his school? It was a cold and lonely place; he missed his parents.

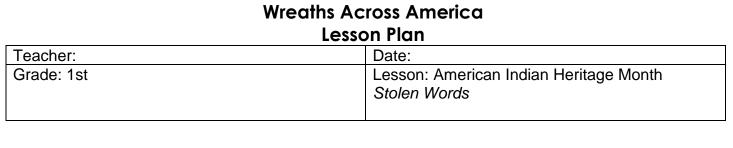
5. Why does the granddaughter give her grandfather the dreamcatcher she made for her room? The granddaughter told him to keep it because maybe it would help him find his words.

6. What does the granddaughter do to get her grandfather's words back? She asks the school teacher to help her find a copy a book on the Cree language.

7. Why is Grandpa so happy to get his words back? The words reminded him of his mother and he thought the words from his childhood were gone forever.

9. How do you think the girl's school was the same or different to Grandpa's school? - Answers will vary. But most will say her school was different.

10. Have you ever lost something important? How did it make you feel?



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# You Tell the Story Analysis What is the name of the book?

Who wrote it? (Author) Who drew the pictures?

(Illustrator)

Main Characters-the people the book is about.

Where does the story take place? (Settings)

What is the Problem?

What is the Solution?

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# The Cree Indians in America

The Cree are <u>indigenous</u> people that originally lived in Canada, however, one branch later moved southwest to adopt a buffalo-

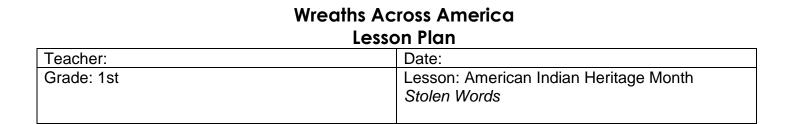
hunting culture. This group, referred to as the Plains Cree, lived from Lake Superior westward in northern Minnesota, North Dakota, and Montana.

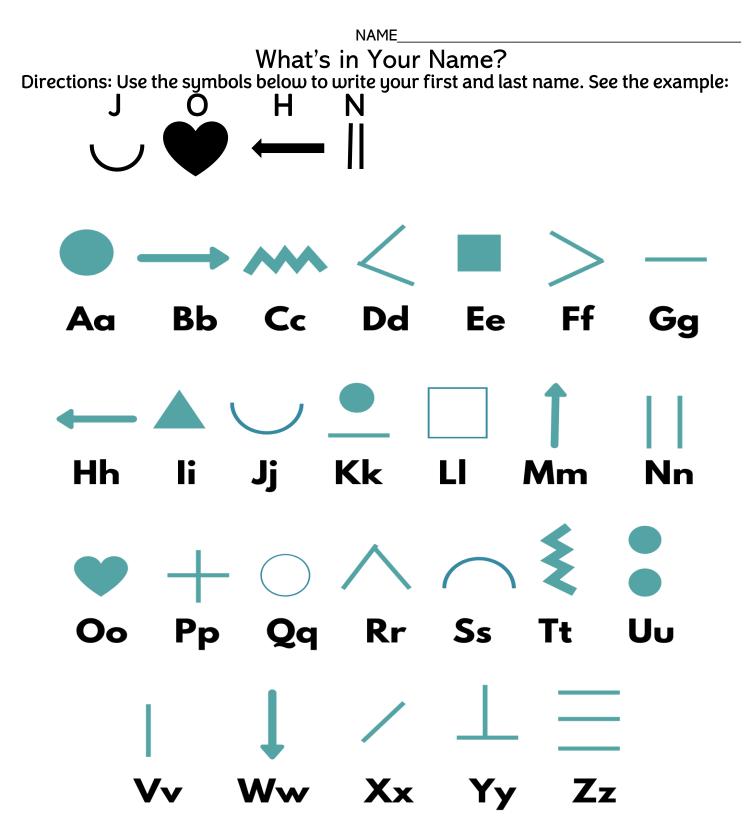
Today, in the United States, most of the Cree people live in Montana, where they share the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation with Ojibwe people. Others live at Fort Peck Indian Reservation and the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, also in Montana.

The Rocky Boy Reservation, named after a Chippewa leader, is in the rolling foothills and plains of the Bear Paw Mountains of north-central Montana. It is home to almost 3,600 Chippewa & Cree tribal members. The tribe calls themselves "Ne Hiyawak" which means "those who speak the same language". The <u>reservation</u>'s economy is primarily supported by <u>agriculture</u> and <u>livestock</u>.

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# **Examples of Words Written in Cree**





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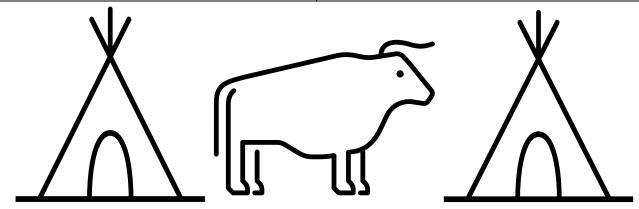
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Stolen Words Alphabetical Order Worksheet Directions: Put the words in the right column in alphabetical order in the column on the left.

1.	stolen
2.	native
3.	words
4.	tribe
5.	book
6.	Cree
7.	beads
8.	library
9.	Grandfather
10.	dreamcatcher



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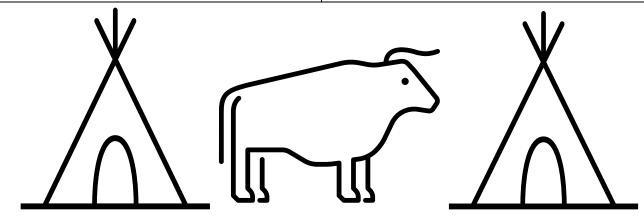
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**ANSWER KEY** 

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2. book	native
3. Cree	words
4. dreamcatcher	tribe
5. Grandfather	book
6. library	Cree
7. native	beads
8. stolen	library
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10. words	dreamcatcher



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### Find A Way to Serve

 Draw pictures or make cards for servicemen and women overseas or veterans at a local VA Hospital or VA Home. <u>Operation Gratitude</u> sends over 250,000 packages to Servicemen and Women, and First Responders annually, the link above provides guidelines for participation in their program.

2. Make cards for Senior citizens in your community for the various holidays. Teachers/Parents can help their children by:

- \* contacting local nursing homes, senior centers and VA Homes to determine the procedure they have for community involvement, the numbers of residents, etc.
- \* setting up a calendar as a reminder for your child letting them know when holidays are coming.
- \* providing materials: crayons, paper, coloring sheets for younger students
- \* setting up a time for delivery of the cards to the facility, or help your child mail the cards at the Post Office.

3. Decorate placemats to be used for Senior citizens during the holidays with a special note or picture! Many agencies deliver meals to Seniors who have mobility problems and are on a fixed income. Teachers/Parents can help their children by:

- \* contacting local agencies that provide meals for Seniors, coordinate with the agency to provide placemats for an upcoming holiday
- \* talking with your child's teacher to see if this could be a classroom project
- \* provide materials,

4. <u>Donate gently used or new stuffed animals</u> to a local fire department or police station to give to children in emergencies.

5. During your birthday month, donate cake mix, frosting, candles, and an age-appropriate toy in a box. Donate items to a local food pantry or school social worker for families in need of a birthday cake. Let your child decorate the bag/box with a birthday message. Parents can help their children by:

- \* contacting a local food bank or their child's school to arrange a drop-off point
- \* purchasing the items to donate
- \* taking their child to be a part of the drop-off

6. Collect school supplies, coloring books/crayons or games to donate to local homeless shelters or local children's hospitals.

- \* contacting a local food bank or their children's hospital to arrange a drop-off point
- \* purchasing the items to donate
- \* taking their child to be a part of the drop-off
- 7. Make a no-sew fleece blanket for a child in need with <u>Project Linus</u>, or a Veteran in need with <u>Soldiers' Angels</u>. Parents can help their children by:
- \* log on to the Project Linus or Soldiers' Angels to check out the specifications for the blankets,
- \* help their child purchase materials
- \* help their child make the blanket if necessary
- \* take their child to ship or deliver the blanket