

Pacific Northwest Native Cultures Station Activity

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Period:

Directions: Read over the material for each station and answers the following questions in COMPLETE sentences.

Station 1: Northwest Cultures Timeline:

Create a detailed timeline for the PNW coast from the Pre-Clovis period to the Modern Period.

Station 2: Characteristics of Northwest Coastal Cultures:

- 1) What impact did the environment have on the inhabitants of the Northwest Coast?
- 2) What were the main food sources for the majority of Northwest Coastal Cultures?
- 3) What role did trade play in Northwest Coastal Culture?
- 4) Describe the social organizations of the people of the NW Coast?
- 5) What role did ceremony play in the lives of the Northwest Coastal Natives?
- 6) What are some examples of art produced by the Northwest Coastal Natives?

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Station 3: Heraldic Columns (Totem Poles)

- 1) What is the difference between a “totem pole” and the heraldic columns of the Northwest Coastal Cultures?
- 2) What are the main Northwest cultures that carve poles? Where would you typically find a heraldic pole?
- 3) The tradition of carving poles is an ancient one. Why was there an increase in pole carvings during the early to mid 19th century?
- 4) Why did government agents and missionaries discourage the carving of heraldic poles? How successful were they and how did native peoples react to this effort?

Station 4: Mapping & Languages

- 1) Examine the maps of Northwest Coast Cultures. What can these maps tell us about the diversity in the region before European contact?
- 2) What were the three (3) main language groups spoken by the Coast Cultures of Oregon and Washington? Approximately how many languages/dialects were spoken before contact?
- 3) What is Chinook jargon and why did it develop?
- 4) When were the native languages put into writing? What did Lee encounter when he began to do so?