



Smithsonian's History Explorer Podcast

Teacher Guide



The Plains Indian Ledger Drawings

with curator Rayna Green

Podcast Link: http://amhistory.si.edu/thinkfinity/podcast/picturing_memory.mp3

Questions—to help students build questioning skills, have them generate both *basic understanding* and *thought* questions before and after the show. Here are some example questions.

Basic Understanding Questions—questions that have a simple answer

- *Who were the Plains Indians?*
- *When and where were the drawings made?*
- *What are some things you might see in the drawings?*

Thought Questions—questions that require research on multiple perspectives and a great deal of thought

- *Why do you think the plains peoples made these drawings?*
- *What kinds of things would you draw as a diary of your life?*

Related Resources—for continued instruction or resources for your students' research

National Museum of American History:

- Keeping History: Plains Indian Ledger Drawings
http://americanhistory.si.edu/documentsgallery/exhibitions/ledger_drawing_1.html

History Explorer:

- Tracking the Buffalo: You be the Historian
<http://historyexplorer.si.edu/resource/?key=16>
- Western Indian Wars
<http://historyexplorer.si.edu/resource/?key=1023>

Thinkfinity:

- Native American Cultures Across the U.S.
<http://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/native-american-cultures-across-us>

National Standards—from the National Center for History in the Schools

- U.S. History—Era 6: [The Development of the Industrial United States \(1870-1900\)](#)
Standard 4: Federal Indian policy and United States foreign policy after the Civil War

***Have your students email their question, research steps, and answer to thinkfinity@si.edu
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Name:

Date:

Period:

Topic:

Pre-Listening vocabulary—define these words:

word:

word:

Pre-Listening (leave space after your questions to answer them as you listen):

What basic understanding questions do you have about this topic?

What thought questions do you have about this topic?

Post-Listening:

What new thought questions do you have?

Of all your thought questions, which few are especially important to the topic? Why?

Which is the most important thought question? Why?

What steps would you take to find the answer to the most important thought question?

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