

Winterville Mounds and the Native American Mississippian World

Online Teaching Unit

Within this unit students will have the opportunity to be introduced to Mississippian culture and closely examine some of its specific characteristics. Using a combination of primary source documents and artifacts, research projects, and creative activities, they will have a chance to examine Mississippian mounds, government, economy, and daily life. They will also explore the role of modern-day historic preservationists and examine their importance in preserving culturally significant Native American sites such as Winterville Mounds in Greenville, Mississippi.

Winterville Mounds and the Native American Mississippian World lessons and handouts are adaptable for grades 2-8.

Objectives

- Students will be introduced to Native American Mississippian culture as they create a timeline of events and design a mound city of their own.
- Students will gain an understanding of the leaders and citizens of the Winterville Mounds community and the economic life of the community. They will also have a chance to practice their bartering skills, compare bartering to the use of money today, and create traditional Native American crafts that were commonly used in bartering.
- Students will examine and investigate the daily life of Native Americans at Winterville Mounds and compare and contrast their lifestyle and culture to that of other Native American groups of the time period. They will then conduct a science experiment inspired by the crops grown by the Mississippians, construct a Mississippian home, and play the role of an archaeologist as they piece together pottery from the past.
- Students will determine if they are modern-day historic preservationists. Then, after analyzing primary source documents, they will be able to identify specific instances of preservation at Winterville Mounds.

Mississippi Department of Education and Common Core Curriculum Frameworks

Lesson One: An Introduction to Winterville Mounds and the Native American Mississippian World		
Common Core Language Arts	Grade 2	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI7; RI8; RF3; RF4; W2; W3; W5; W7; W8; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4
	Grade 3	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI7; RI8; RF3; RF4a; RF4c; W2; W3; W4; W5; W7; W8; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4
	Grade 4	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI7; RI8; RF3; RF4a; RF4c; W2; W3; W4; W5; W7; W8; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4
	Grade 5	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI7; RI8; RF3; RF4a; RF4c; W2; W3; W4; W5; W7; W8; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4
	Grade 6	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI7; RI8; W2; W3; W4; W5; W6; W8; W9; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4; RH2; RH3; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH7; RH8; WHST2; WHST4; WHST5; WHST7; WHST8; WHST9
	Grade 7	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI8; W2; W3; W4; W5; W6; W8; W9; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4; RH2; RH3; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH7; RH8; WHST2; WHST4; WHST5; WHST7; WHST8; WHST9
	Grade 8	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI7; RI8; W2; W3; W4; W5; W6; W8; W9; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4; RH2; RH3; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH7; RH8; WHST2; WHST4; WHST5; WHST7; WHST8; WHST9
Social Studies	Grade 2: School/ Neighborhood	2b; 2d; 5a; 5b
	Grade 3: Community/ Local Government	2a; 2b; 5a; 5b
	Grade 4: Mississippi Studies	2a; 3a; 6a; 6c
	Grade 5: U.S. History from Pre-Columbian Era to Colonization	1a; 2b; 2d; 3b; 4a; 5
	Grade 8: U.S. History from Exploration through Reconstruction	2c; 3a; 5a; 6a; 6c

Lesson Two: Mississippian Government and Economy

Common Core Language Arts	Grade 2	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI8; RF3; RF4; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; LL1; L3; L4; L5; L6
	Grade 3	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI8; RF3; RF4a; RF4c; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L3; L4; L6
	Grade 4	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI8; RF3; RF4a; RF4c; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L3; L4; L6
	Grade 5	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI8; RF3; RF4a; RF4c; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L3; L4; L6
	Grade 6	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI8; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L4; L6; RH2; RH5; RH6; RH8
	Grade 7	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI8; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L4; L6; RH2; RH5; RH6; RH8
	Grade 8	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI8; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L4; L6; RH2; RH5; RH6; RH8
Social Studies	Grade 2: School/ Neighborhood	1; 4; 5a
	Grade 3: Community/ Local Government	1; 4a; 4c; 4e; 5a
	Grade 4: Mississippi Studies	1; 2a; 3c; 5a; 5b; 5d; 5e; 6a; 6c
	Grade 5: U.S. History from Pre-Columbian Era to Colonization	1a; 2b; 2d; 3b; 4a; 4c; 5
	Grade 8: U.S. History from Exploration through Reconstruction	2c; 5a; 6a; 6c

Lesson Three: Mississippian Daily Life		
Common Core Language Arts	Grade 2	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI7; RI8; RF3; RF4; W2; W5; W7; W8; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4; L6
	Grade 3	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI7; RI8; RF3; RF4; W2; W4; W5; W7; W8; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4; L6
	Grade 4	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI7; RI8; RF3; RF4; W2; W4; W5; W7; W8; W9; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4; L6
	Grade 5	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI7; RI8; RF3; RF4; W2; W4; W5; W7; W8; W9; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4; L6
	Grade 6	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI8; W2; W4; W5; W7; W8; W9; SL1; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4; L6; RH1; RH2; RH3; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH7; RH8; RST1; RST2; RST3; RST4; RST5; RST6; RST8; WHST2; WHST4; WHST5; WHST7; WHST8; WHST9
	Grade 7	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI8; W2; W4; W5; W7; W8; W9; SL1; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4; L6; RH1; RH2; RH3; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH7; RH8; RST1; RST2; RST3; RST4; RST5; RST6; RST8; WHST2; WHST4; WHST5; WHST7; WHST8; WHST9
	Grade 8	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI8; W2; W4; W5; W7; W8; W9; SL1; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4; L6; RH1; RH2; RH3; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH7; RH8; RST1; RST2; RST3; RST4; RST5; RST6; RST8; WHST2; WHST4; WHST5; WHST7; WHST8; WHST9
Science	Grade 2	1
	Grade 3	1
	Grade 4	1a-e; 1g
	Grade 5	1
	Grade 6	1
	Grade 7	1a-f; 1h
	Grade 8	1a-f
	Introduction to Biology	1b-g
	Biology I	1b-g
	Biology II	1b-f
	Botany	1b-g
Social Studies	Grade 2: School/ Neighborhood	5a; 5b
	Grade 3: Community/ Local Government	5a
	Grade 4: Mississippi Studies	2a; 6a; 6c
	Grade 5: U.S. History from Pre-Columbian Era to Colonization	1a; 2b; 2d; 3b; 4a; 5
	Grade 8: U.S. History from Exploration through Reconstruction	5a; 6a; 6c

Lesson Four: Preservation of Mississippian Native American Sites		
Common Core Language Arts	Grade 2	Ri1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI7; RI8; RI9; RF3; RF4; W1; W5; W8; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4
	Grade 3	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI6; RI7; RI8; RI9; RF3; RF4; W1; W4; W5; W8; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4
	Grade 4	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI6; RI7; RI8; RI9; RF3; RF4; W1; W4; W5; W6; W8; W9; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4
	Grade 5	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI6; RI7; RI8; RI9; RF3; RF4; W1; W4; W5; W8; W9; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4
	Grade 6	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI8; RI9; W1; W4; W5; W8; W9; SL1; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4; L6; RH1; RH2; RH3; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH8; RH9; WHST1; WHST4; WHST5; WHST8
	Grade 7	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI8; RI9; W1; W4; W5; W8; W9; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4; L6; RH1; RH2; RH3; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH8; RH9; WHST1; WHST4; WHST5; WHST8
	Grade 8	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI8; RI9; W1; W4; W5; W8; W9; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L4; L6; RH1; RH2; RH3; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH8; RH9; WHST1; WHST4; WHST5; WHST8
Social Studies	Grade 2: School/Neighborhood	5a; 5b
	Grade 3: Community/Local Government	5a
	Grade 4: Mississippi Studies	2a; 6a; 6c