Caddo Connections Activities and lessons supporting

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The The Caddo Exhibit

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Caddo Connections Letter to the Educator

Dear Educator,

Caddo Connections is a curriculum guide for 4th – 7th grades supporting *The Caddo,* a traveling exhibit produced by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. *Caddo Connections* was written to complement the exhibit and can be a valuable teaching tool as you explore the Caddo native peoples with your students. Please download the exhibit panels at legal or ledger size from **www.tpwd.state.tx.us/caddo** for use in your classroom or simply click on the link. If your school would like to host the physical traveling exhibit of six pop-up banner panels at no charge, you may use the contact information below.

Sincerely,

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<u>Click here to</u> print <u>The Caddo</u> <u>Exhibit panels.</u>

About the Exhibit

The Caddo exhibit is organized into five thematic panels and a park locator panel. Each thematic panel features a large photo of a historic Caddo individual against a map backdrop of the Caddo homeland. The title and topic of each panel is featured at the top, over a photo of thatching from the side of a traditional Caddo house.

Each panel features three paragraphs and photos corresponding to time periods in Caddo history:

- Pre-historic Information from archaeology and oral histories
- Historic Information from early explorers and government documents
- Modern Information from the living Caddo themselves

The exhibit highlights the complex yet flexible nature of Caddo society and their skill as diplomats and politicians.



About the Guide

The Caddo Connections guide is written to support The Caddo exhibit by providing educators with TEKS-based lessons and activities that help students gain a more complete understanding of the exhibit, and ultimately Caddo culture. The guide is divided into four main sections:

- **Before Viewing the Exhibit**—Lessons and activities to prepare students for viewing *The Caddo*.
- **Viewing the Exhibit**—Includes a reproducible for students to use as they view *The Caddo*.
- After Viewing the Exhibit—Lessons and activities to enrich knowledge gained from *The Caddo*.
- Living on the Land An outdoor activity is also included and can be used outside on the playground or at a local park.

Each section provides educators with a goal, objectives, TEKS and procedure for instruction. An annotated copy of the exhibit panels includes key questions, Web resources and labels for each time period represented. Reproducible student handouts (labeled with SH) are included in each section. The guide concludes with valuable resources for educators.



<u>Click here to</u> print <u>The Caddo</u> <u>Exhibit panels.</u>

Before Viewing the Exhibit Where Do We Get Our Information?

Goal

The following activities examine three methods historians use to gather information: first-hand accounts (oral histories), archaeology and written records.

Objectives

Students will:

- Discuss and define first-hand accounts (oral histories), archaeology and written records
- Complete first three pages in My Caddo Journal (SH-1)
- Research examples of Caddo primary sources on the Web by completing *Click on Caddo (SH-2)*

TEKS

Social Studies:

- (1)(A)(B)
- (2)(A)(C)
- (21)(A)
- (23)(D)

Materials

- Copies of My Caddo Journal (SH-1)
- Copies of Click on Caddo (SH-2)







Before Viewing the Exhibit

Procedure

- 1. Distribute copies of My Caddo Journal (SH-1).
- 2. Direct class to write everything they already KNOW about the Caddo on the first page of the journal and then write what they WANT to know about the Caddo on the next page.
- 3. Ask class, "HOW can we find out more information about the Caddo?" Allow time for discussion.
- 4. Discuss how historians are detectives of the past who rely on primary sources to help them learn about their subjects. As a class, brainstorm a list of ways historians gather information. These might include artifacts, documents, pictures, photographs, journals, drawings, maps, oral histories and first-hand accounts.
- 5. Define and discuss the three main methods of learning about the past presented in the exhibit:
 - a. First-hand accounts and oral histories—Living Caddo share their experiences and stories that exist in tribal memory.
 - b. Archaeology—Scientists carefully sift through layers of dirt in places the Caddo are known to have lived, looking for physical evidence to tell them what Caddo life was like at that place. This evidence can include pots, food remains, tools and more.
 - c. Written records—When Europeans arrived in the Caddo homeland in the 1600s they started recording Caddo life in pictures and words. Written records continue to the present day and record many aspects of Caddo life that are useful to the researcher.
- 6. Record definitions in *My Caddo Journal (SH-1)*.
- 7. Explain that the last page of the journal is for recording what has been LEARNED after viewing the exhibit and should be left blank for now.



Before Viewing the Exhibit

Activity:

Discover online examples of Caddo primary sources such as first-hand accounts (oral histories), archaeology and written records by using *Click on Caddo (SH-2)* on page 8.

Key Question:

Read the quote from Father Damien Massanet to the class and ask, "How do you think the early explorers reacted when they saw the Caddo for the first time?"

Online Map Resource:

www.texasbeyondhistory.net/ nasoni/index.html





Student Handout 1 (SH-1)	
HOW I can find out more about the Caddo:	I WANT to know more about the Caddo:

Name:

Date:

Click on Caddo Primary Sources on the Web

Directions

Use the following links to help you record information about the Caddo from primary sources.

1. First-Hand Accounts and Oral Histories from the Caddo themselves

a. www.texasbeyondhistory.net/tejas/ancestors/tracing.html

b. www.caddonation-nsn.gov

2. Archaeology www.texasbeyondhistory.net/nasoni/wpa.html

3. Accounts from Early Explorers www.texasbeyondhistory.net/kids/caddo/explorers.html

Viewing the Exhibit

Goal

The following activities will familiarize students with *The Caddo* exhibit. Students will:

- View all of the exhibit panels
- Use the *Exhibit Viewing Guide* (SH-3) as a tool to focus on one of the panels

TEKS

Social Studies

1 (A) (B)	9 (A) (B)
6 (A)	20 (A) (B) (C)
7 (A)	22 (C)
8 (B)	23 (C) (D)

Materials

Four copies of each of the following *The Caddo* exhibit panels downloaded at legal or ledger size from <u>www.tpwd.state.tx.us/caddo</u>

- 1. Collaboration and Community
- 2. Gathering to Trade and Celebrate
- 3. War and Diplomacy
- 4. Health and Disease

Copies of the Exhibit Viewing Guide (SH-3)

Procedures

- 1. Divide the class into four groups
- 2. Distribute copies of all four panels to each group and allow them time to look at all the panels.
- 3. After students have viewed all four panels, assign each group one panel to study more deeply, assigning a different panel to each group.
- 4. Distribute one *Exhibit Viewing Guide (SH-3)* to each group.
- 5. Direct each group to complete the *Guide* as they study their assigned panel.
- 6. Invite each group to share their findings with the class.

Date:

The Caddo Exhibit Viewing Guide

Directions

Review each of the exhibit panels by reading the text and studying the images. Complete the following questions and activities about the panel you have been assigned.

1. What is the title of this panel? (Hint: it's located at the top under "The Caddo.")

2. Choose a picture on the panel. This may include an object, painting or photograph. Sketch and describe what is going on in the picture.



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3. How does this picture tell us more about the title?

4. Brainstorm another title you could give this panel.

5. Why did you select this title?

After Viewing the Exhibit Connecting the Caddo

Goal

The following activities help students summarize what they have learned from *The Caddo* exhibit.

Objectives

Students will:

- Share their information with their classmates.
- Complete page 4 of My Caddo Journal (SH-1).
- Participate in activities about the exhibit themes.

TEKS

Materials

Social Studies:

- (1)(A)(B)
- (2)(A)(C)
- (8)(A)(B)
- (20)(B)
- (23)(B)(C)(D)(E)
- Exhibit Viewing Guide (SH-3)
 My Caddo Journal (SH-1)
 Comparing Cultures (SH-4)
 All Roads Lead to the Caddo (SH-5)
- Meaningful Words (SH-6)
- A Caddo Story (SH-7)
- Resources

Procedure

- 1. Allow groups to share their findings from the exhibit recorded on their Exhibit Viewing Guide (SH-3).
- 2. Review *My Caddo Journal* (SH-1) and allow time for students to complete page 4, "What I learned about the Caddo." Share answers if time allows.
- 3. Choose one or more exhibit-themed activities to complete as a class.
 - a. Collaboration and Community page 16
 - b. Gathering to Trade and Celebrate page 18
 - c. War and Diplomacy page 21
 - d. Health and Disease page 23

Collaboration and Community

Activity:

Use Comparing Cultures (SH-4) to discuss life in Caddo society. How do their leaders compare to the leaders in American society?

Key Question:

Read this section aloud to class and ask, "Why would it be important for the Caddo to negotiate separately with the Spanish and Comanche?"

Online Resource:

Read about the Caddo Nation's modern government at **www.caddonation-nsn.gov**

Meet the Caddo:

See another picture of Sho-We-Tit at <u>www.texasbeyondhistory.net/</u> tejas/voices/transition.html





Directions

Read about roles in the Caddo culture below. Caddo society was made up of a bunch of extended family groups organized into a loose alliance. List and describe a similar role in our culture today.

Caddo Culture	Our Culture
Xinesi — The leader of the alliance of all the family groups. He was born into the job, lived at the mound center and served as an intermediary with God (Caddi Ayo).	
Caddi —Each village had a head man called a caddi who was also born into his job.	
Canahas —These village elders advised the caddi.	
Tammas —Tammas were enforcers who made sure people obeyed the caddi and behaved properly.	
Connas —As village priests, connas cured the sick and performed daily rituals.	
Common People —Commoners were farmers, made crafts and also provided the labor to build the sacred mounds.	

Gathering to Trade and Celebrate

Activity:

Use All Roads Lead to the Caddo (SH-5) to discuss strategic positioning in trading.

Key Question:

Read "Trading Partners" aloud to the class and ask, "What do you think is meant by 'carefully cultivating alliances with the Europeans'?"

Online Resources:

View pictures of modern Caddo gatherings at www.caddonation-nsn.gov/ history/Hasinai.htm

Research Stanley Edge at **www.texasbeyondhistory.net**



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All Roads Lead to the Caddo Strategic Position

Directions

Study the map below and answer the questions on the next page.





1. What was important about the location of the Caddo homeland?

2. *The Caddo* exhibit reads, "The Caddo traded many different things, but some of the most important were information, diplomacy, favors and political influence." What do you think this means?

3. The Caddo villages hosted yearly trade fairs with tribes from near and far. Draw a picture on the back of this page of what you think these trade fairs might have looked like. Use the map on the previous page to help you remember what kinds of things were traded.

War and Diplomacy

Activity:

Use *Meaningful Words (SH-6)* to discuss War and Diplomacy Vocabulary.

Key Question:

How did the Caddo serve as diplomats between different groups of people?

Online Resource:

Research Sho-ee-tat (George Washington) at www.texasbeyondhistory.net/ tejas/voices/rebuilding.html





Directions

Define the following vocabulary in your own words. If you do not know the meaning, write down your best answer. Then record the definition from the dictionary. How do they compare?

	My Definition	Dictionary Definition
Warrior		
Peacemaker		
Diplomat		
Politician		
Patriot		
American		



Health and Disease

Activity:

Use A Caddo Story (SH-7) as a tool for students to summarize what they have learned about the Caddo including their healthy lifestyle.

Key Question:

What would it be like to lose 95% of your family? If you had 60 people in your extended family, losing 95% would leave, for example, just you, your aunt and one cousin. Everyone else would be gone!

Online Resource:

Find more Caddo words online at **www.caddonation-nsn.gov/** <u>history/language.html</u>.

Click on the English-to-Caddo translator to hear Caddo words spoken.



Date:

A Caddo Story Writing to Summarize

Directions

- 1. Choose an exhibit panel theme to help you write a story about the Caddo.
- 2. Choose words from the Caddo terms below to help you write.

Exhibit Panel Themes Gathering to Trade and Celebrate Health and Disease

War and Diplomacy

Roles:

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Tammas—Tammas were enforcers who made sure people obeyed the caddi and behaved properly.

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Words:

Beans = dabas Bread = dush kut Corn = kisi Grapes = kee-swee Meat Dish = ha-bush-coo Onion = dahaw Pumpkin = ka-kee-kus-nee Yes = ah-hay No = hunnah Wait (up) = cha-tee Pay attention = da-wee-cha-sun Come here = da-yah You are crazy! = Coo-sah-oh-na-ah-nit You smell bad = ha-bah-ha-ca-yah-ha-sah

- I don't know = nukkah
- Dog = deet see
- Hound dog (long ears) = bish-wah-she
- Raccoon = ut
- Skunk = wehit
- Worm = koo-ooh



Living on the Land Outdoor Activity

Goal

This activity invites students to explore the land around them through the eyes of someone who has to use the land for survival.

Objectives

Students will:

- Locate and label the region where they live in Texas.
- List natural resources found in their region as well as neighboring regions.
- Complete Living on the Land Field Guide (SH-9).

TEKS

Materials

Social Studies:

- Living on the Land Field Guide (SH-9)
- **4** (6)(A)**6** (7)(A)(B)

Texas Regional Map (SH-8)

Procedure

- 1. Distribute copies of the Texas Regional Map (SH-8).
- 2. Discuss the diverse regions and landforms represented in Texas.
- 3. Instruct students to label the region where their community is located.
- 4. Brainstorm the following lists as a class:
 - a. Words and phrases that describe the land in your region
 - b. Natural resources in your region
 - c. Natural resources in neighboring regions

Use **www.tpwd.state.tx.us/kids/about_texas/regions/ index.phtml** to aid your discussion.

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- 5. Distribute copies of the *Living on the Land Field Guide* (*SH-9*) to each student.
- 6. Review the directions and allow time for students to explore the outdoors at school and/or at their home or a local park.
- 7. Complete the *Living on the Land Field Guide* and allow time for students to share their findings.



Texas Regional Map



Texas Region



Directions

Find an outdoor place to conduct your research and complete your field study. Describe with words and drawings what you see in your region:



Pretend you are a member of the Caddo living in Texas hundreds of years ago and you must survive on the land represented in your community. Answer the following:

1. List natural resources that are available on your land:

2. Sketch a structure that you could build for shelter with the materials available on your land.

3. List food sources available to you on this land:



4. How will you capture or harvest this food?

5. How will you clothe yourself?

6. Do you have everything you need? What is missing?



Look at your regional map. What could other regions offer you through trading that your region does not provide? Go to <u>www.tpwd.state.tx.us/kids/about_texas/regions/index.phtml</u> to discover more about each Texas region.

Want to trade?		
Items from my region	Items from neighboring regions	

1. What items would you like to trade with your neighbors?

2. Why do you need these items?

3. How could your items help your neighbors?

Bibliography

The following resources were consulted in the development of this guide and are valuable to educators.

Exhibit:

The Caddo Exhibit, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department **www.tpwd.state.tx.us/caddo**

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Texas Beyond History, The University of Texas at Austin **www.texasbeyondhistory.net**

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department <u>www.tpwd.state.tx.us</u> <u>www.tpwd.state.tx.us/kids/about_texas/regions/index.phtml</u>

The Handbook of Texas Online, Texas State Historical Association **www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online**

