

GUIDED READING

A Place Called Mississippi

Chapter 2: Native Mississippians

Section 2

Major Tribes: Natchez, Choctaw, Chickasaw

Directions:

Use the information from pages 50 - 56 to complete the following.

1. The three largest and most prominent _____ [in Mississippi] were the _____, the _____, and the _____.
2. Other small tribes _____ from place to place and often allied themselves with larger Indian nations for _____.
3. These migrations (moving from one area or country to another) were sometimes _____ by _____ on the smaller tribes by European _____, or by larger tribes that were _____ with the slave traders.
4. The first reference to a tribe called the _____ was made in 1682 by La Salle [a French explorer] during his voyage from the French colonies in Canada down the _____.
5. On that historic voyage, La Salle _____ all the land drained by the Mississippi River for _____ and named it Louisiana in honor of Louis XIV, King of France.
6. At the top of the Natchez social structure was the _____, hereditary _____ of all of the Natchez.
7. The Great Sun was the _____ chief but had not binding authority over the five villages, or settlement districts.
8. The villages were _____ by their own chiefs.

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9. The Natchez had established villages along the _____
_____ on the eastern bank of the river [Mississippi].
10. The Natchez also built several _____, where their
religious ceremonies were held.
11. The most important of those mounds was a large structure, called _____
Mound.
12. _____ colonials who settled among the Natchez observed the
_____ of human sacrifice [when the Great Sun died] and attempted to
persuade the Natchez to _____ that _____.
13. From the beginning of French exploration of the lower Mississippi valley, the
_____ and the _____ were _____ toward
each other.
14. As the French population _____ and encroachment on
_____ farmland and hunting grounds expanded, several tribal chiefs
joined with the Natchez in an attempt to _____ the French
_____ the lower Mississippi valley.
15. In 1729, the Natchez _____ the French at Fort Rosalie and killed
about two hundred Frenchmen, and took many prisoners.
16. The next year, the _____ and their _____ allies
recaptured Fort Rosalie and _____ and _____ most of
the _____.
17. The _____ were the second largest and most _____
nation among the southeastern _____.

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18. Although few of the Choctaw were allies of the _____, especially the group led by Chief Red Shoe, they usually allied with the _____.
19. Hernando _____ was probably the first _____ to encounter the Choctaw.
20. Gradually the Choctaw _____ or _____ their _____ to the white man — first the French, then the Spanish, then the English, and finally the Americans.
21. During the colonial period, the _____ were clustered in several villages called Long Town in _____ Mississippi and numbered about 4,500.
22. Although their [Chickasaw] _____ and _____ structure was similar to the Choctaw, there were significant _____ between the two nations.
23. The _____ were more _____ and _____ (working as farmers) than the Chickasaw, who were _____ and proud _____.
24. The Chickasaw were _____ allies; they were actively involved with the English in the Indian _____.
25. After the _____ attacked Fort Rosalie in 1729, the Chickasaw _____ members of the Natchez Nation who _____ the French counterattack to _____ among them.

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26. For the next several years, _____ officials at New Orleans and Mobile _____ launching an _____ against the Chickasaw for giving _____ to the Natchez.
27. They also wanted to _____ the _____ from interfering with French _____ on the Mississippi River.
28. In 1736, the _____ mounted a major _____ against the Chickasaw.
29. _____ traders living among the Chickasaw _____ them how to _____ their villages and helped them _____ for the approaching _____.
30. Even as _____ of the British, the Chickasaw could not hold back the western _____ of English _____ from the Atlantic coast.
31. Eventually, the Chickasaw were _____ to _____ their ancestral lands in Mississippi and move to _____.