TOPIC 4 – DAKOTAS

Topic Overview

Topic 4 highlights Dakota communities. It includes primary sources that will help you understand some of the traditional activities of Dakota village life.

Topic Objectives

- As a result of the study of Topic 4, you will be able to
  - Analyze and interpret primary documents.
  - Identify lifestyle components of the Dakota people.

ND Content Standards
- 8.1.2
- 8.6.2

Common Core Standards
- RH 2
- RH 7
- WHST 2
- WHST 9

Topic Activities
- Debate/Discussion
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In the mid-19\textsuperscript{th} century, some of the Dakotas moved into present-day North Dakota and had to adapt their lifestyle for life on the plains. Complete the following instructions. Discuss with a partner or small group.

1. Before moving to the North Dakota plains, the Dakotas’ lifestyle depended more on gardening, gathering wild rice, and maple sugaring. Describe the lifestyle changes they needed to make after moving to the North Dakota plains.

2. List and describe the three divisions of the Great Sioux Nation.