

Washita Battlefield

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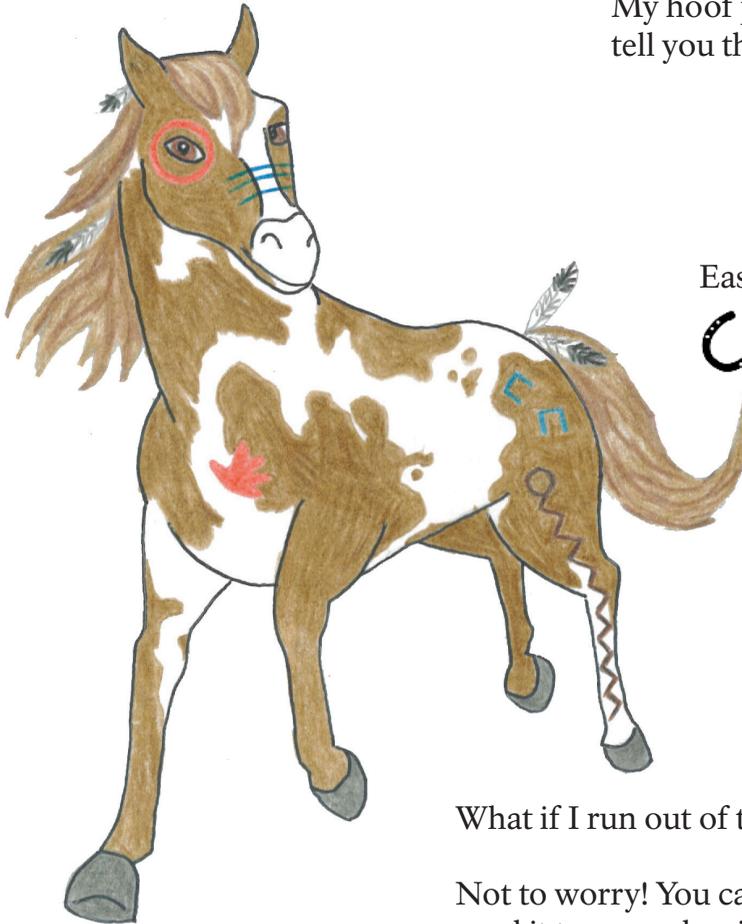
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Oklahoma



Va'âhtama (*wah-dom*) or Welcome! The Cheyenne call me *Mo'ehno'ha* (*mo-a-no-ha*), but you can call me Mo. I am interested in becoming a Junior Ranger too! My great-great grandfather was a part of the herd that the Cheyenne kept along the Washita River. Stories were passed down to me and I want to learn more.

So ride along with me, as we explore Washita Battlefield's history and become Junior Rangers.

My hoof prints at the top of each page will tell you the difficulty of each activity.



Easy



Medium



Hard



Age	Number of Activities
5 & Under	3
6 - 9	5 (at least 1 medium difficulty)
10 & Up	7 (at least 1 hard difficulty)

What if I run out of time?

Not to worry! You can finish your booklet at home, send it to us, and we'll return it to you with your badge. Don't forget to include your name and mailing address! Mail your booklet to us at:

Washita Battlefield National Historic Site
18555 Highway 47A, STE. A
Cheyenne, OK 73628

The Arrowhead Logo



The National Park Service has a logo that represents the important things that we care for and care about. You will see it at every National Park you visit. Below is the outline of the arrowhead, but it is incomplete. Find an arrowhead in the Visitor Center and complete the drawing.



Each item in the arrowhead is protected at all National Parks. Look at the design and fill in the blanks below.

arrowhead sequoia bison mountain lake

1. The _____ represents the plants.
2. The _____ represents the wildlife.
3. The _____ represents recreation and fun.
4. The _____ represents the scenery and land.
5. The _____ represents history and culture.

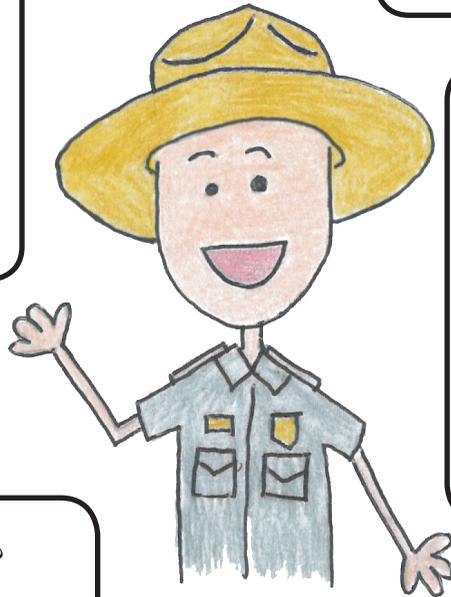
Ask a Ranger

Park Rangers do many different things in the National Park Service. Find a Park Ranger and see what you can discover.



Why did you become a Park Ranger?

What is your favorite thing about your job?



What is the coolest thing you have done as a Park Ranger?

How long have you been a Park Ranger?

Ask your own question:

Can You Find Me?



These items are hidden throughout the Visitor Center. Can you find them all?

During the attack, Moving Behind ran and hid in the grass. Although she was discovered by a soldier, he left her alone. Years later Moving Behind met the soldier again and they hugged in friendship. 



Draw something you saw here:

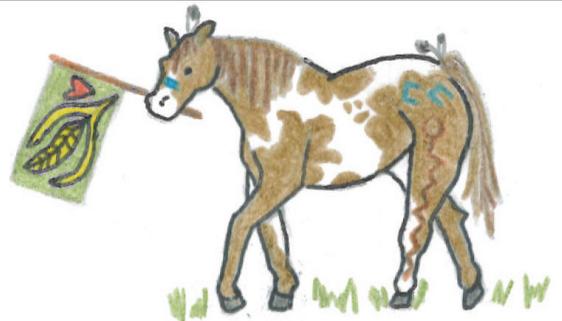
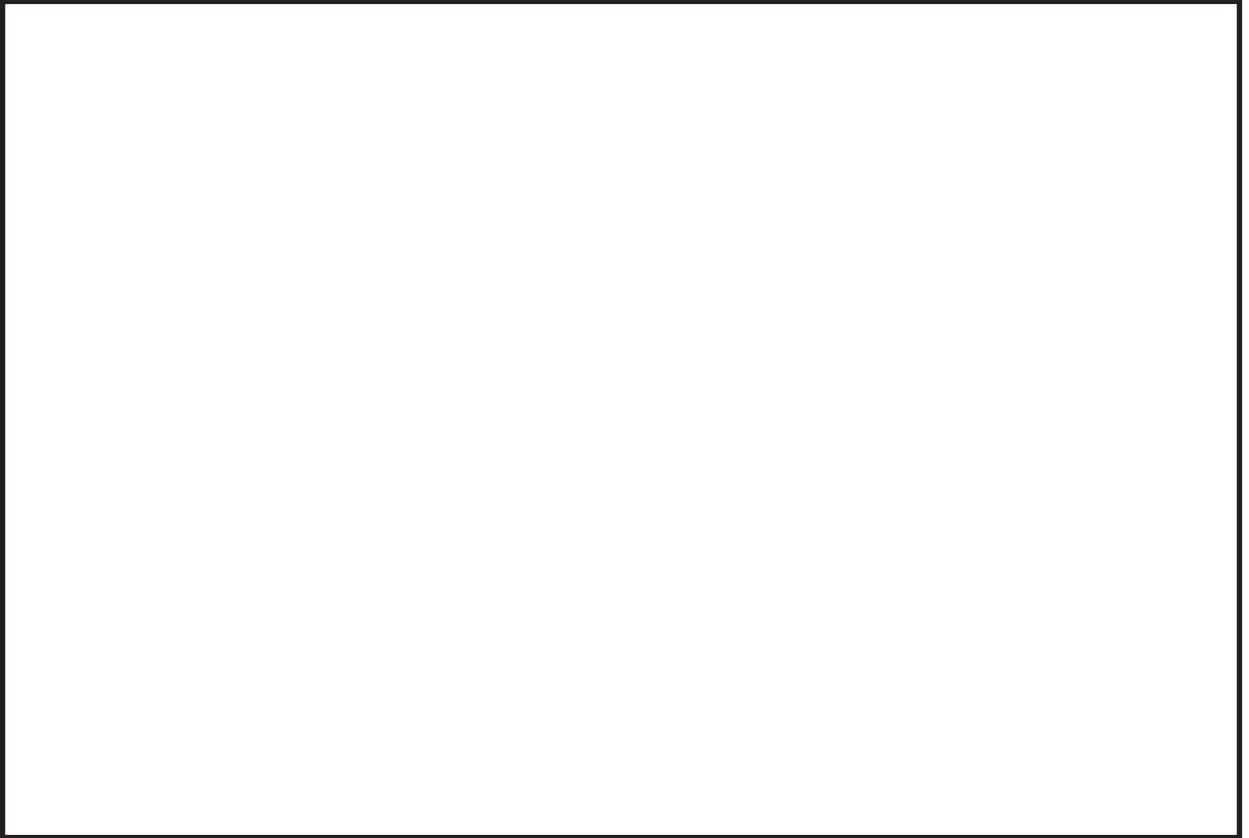


Raise Your Flag!



The U.S. Cavalry carried flags into battle. Tribes traditionally did not carry flags. They relied on clothing and art to tell the tribes apart. In modern times, tribes have been adopting tribal flags to celebrate their heritage and culture. These flags use American Indian symbols and images to represent different tribes.

Look around the Visitor Center at the flags representing the people involved in the Battle of the Washita. Draw your tribe's flag. What is important to you?



Cultural Connections



The Cheyenne, or *Tsistsistas* (*te-sis-sis-tas*) as they referred to themselves, and the U.S. Cavalry at Washita came from very different cultures, with different languages, religion, clothing, and customs. These differences sometimes caused problems because they did not understand each other. However, they did have some things that were similar. Sometimes, the difference between a Cheyenne's possessions and a soldier's possessions were the materials used to make them.

In the columns below, match the Cheyenne object with the U.S. Army object by drawing a line to connect the items.



Cheyenne

U.S. Army

Moccasin

Tent

Chief

Rations

Black Soup

Private

Dogmen Society

Saber

Buckskin

General

Tipi

Regiment

Spear

Wool

Warrior

Boot

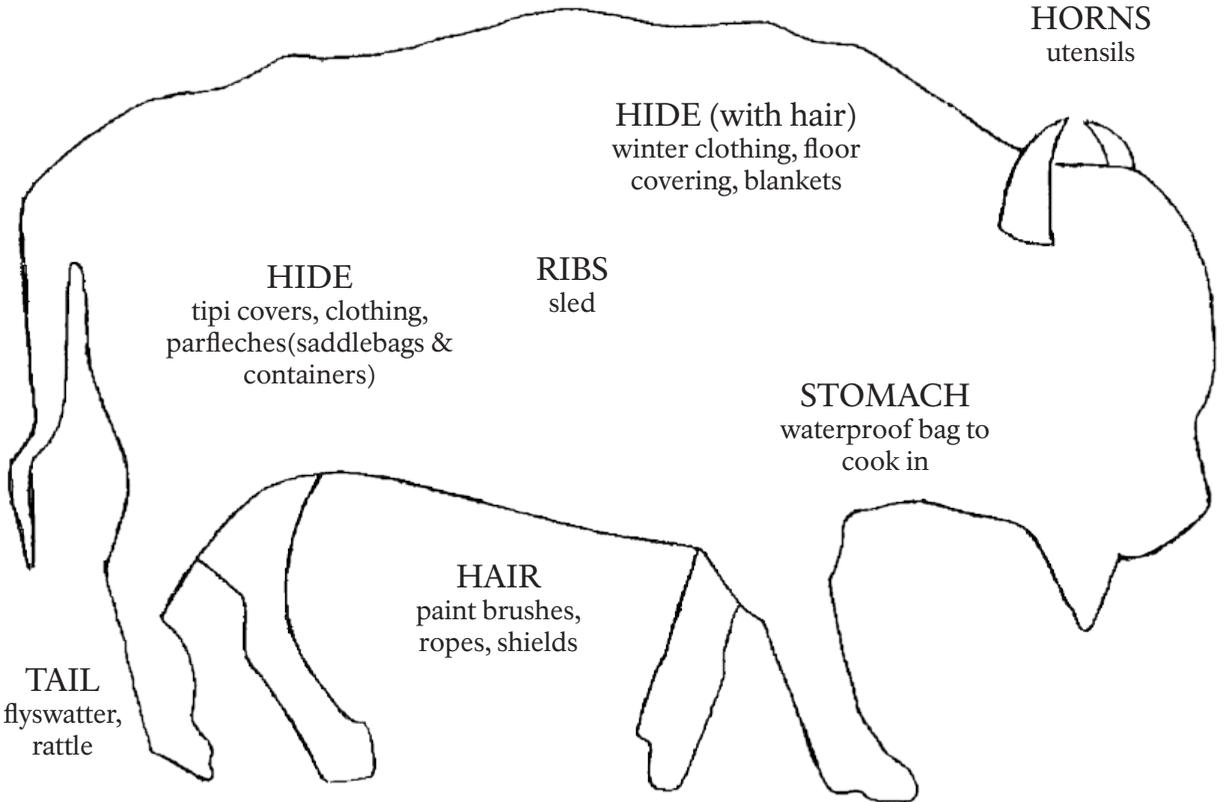
Pemmican

Coffee

Hotóá'e (ho-do-ah)



The American Bison was essential to the Cheyenne way of life. Most parts of the animal were used in daily living. Draw a line from the pictures to the part of the Bison it came from.



7th Cavalry Connect the Dots



The 7th U.S. Cavalry depended on this animal below to take them across the plains and into battle.

Can you connect the dots to discover this important animal?



After the Battle of the Washita, Lt. Col. Custer's troops captured some of Black Kettle's pony herd to replace the ones lost in the battle and to transport the women and children prisoners of war to Camp Supply.

What Is Your Name?



Giving a child a name is an important part of Cheyenne culture. A child can be named based on gender, totem, animals, or physical description. Sometimes, names can change based on events in a Cheyenne's life.

Can you figure out the names of the Cheyenne people listed below?















antelope crow buffalo red cornstalk black old white bird woman eagle white kettle yellow woman

Bonus: What would you want your name to be?

Supply Wagon Logic

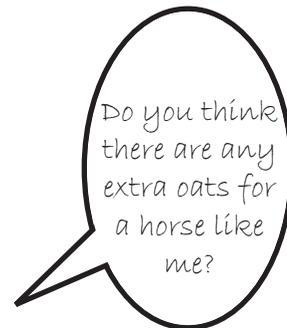


Quartermaster John Bell only has enough items in his supply wagons to give each soldier one more needed item. See if you can figure out from the clues below what item each soldier would receive.

					
Louis Hamilton					
Francis Gibson					
Edward Godfrey					
William Cooke					
John Wagoner					

Clues:

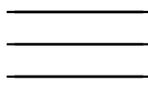
1. Louis drinks more coffee than any other soldier.
2. Neither William nor John need a canteen.
3. Edward needs either coffee or ammunition.
4. John is the camp cook.

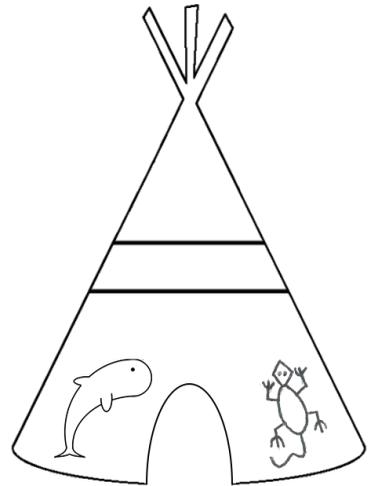
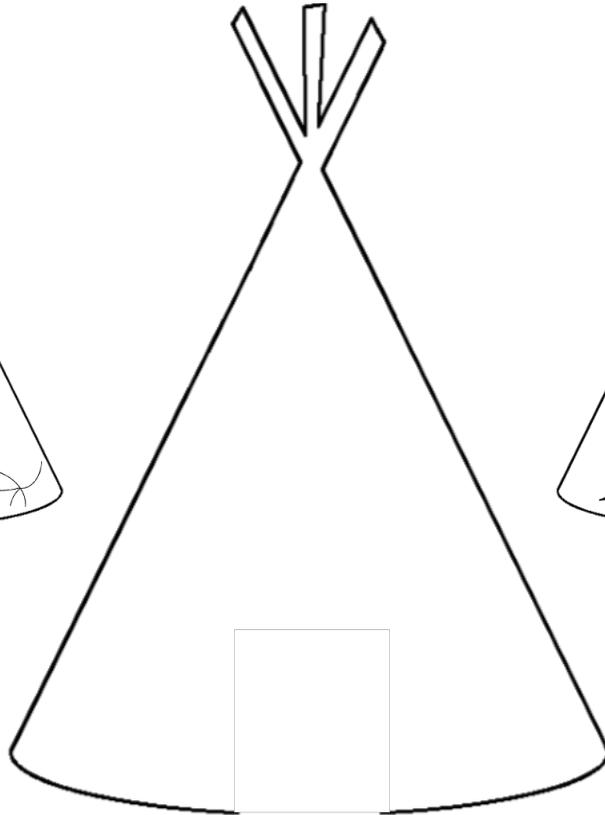
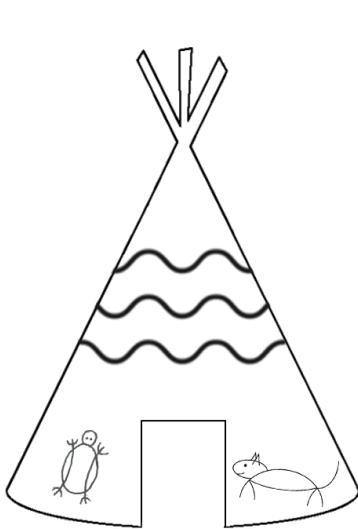


Vee'e (Vee-e) Glyphs



Tipis often had symbols painted on them. These symbols represented different things in Cheyenne culture. Using the directions below, create your tipi design based on information about you.

Age: Door Shape	5 & under 	6 through 9 	10 & older 
Gender:	Boy: Turtle 	Girl: Lizard 	
Position Among Kids: Type of Stripe (One Stripe Per Kid)	Youngest 	Oldest 	Neither 
Animal Decoration	Draw your favorite animal		

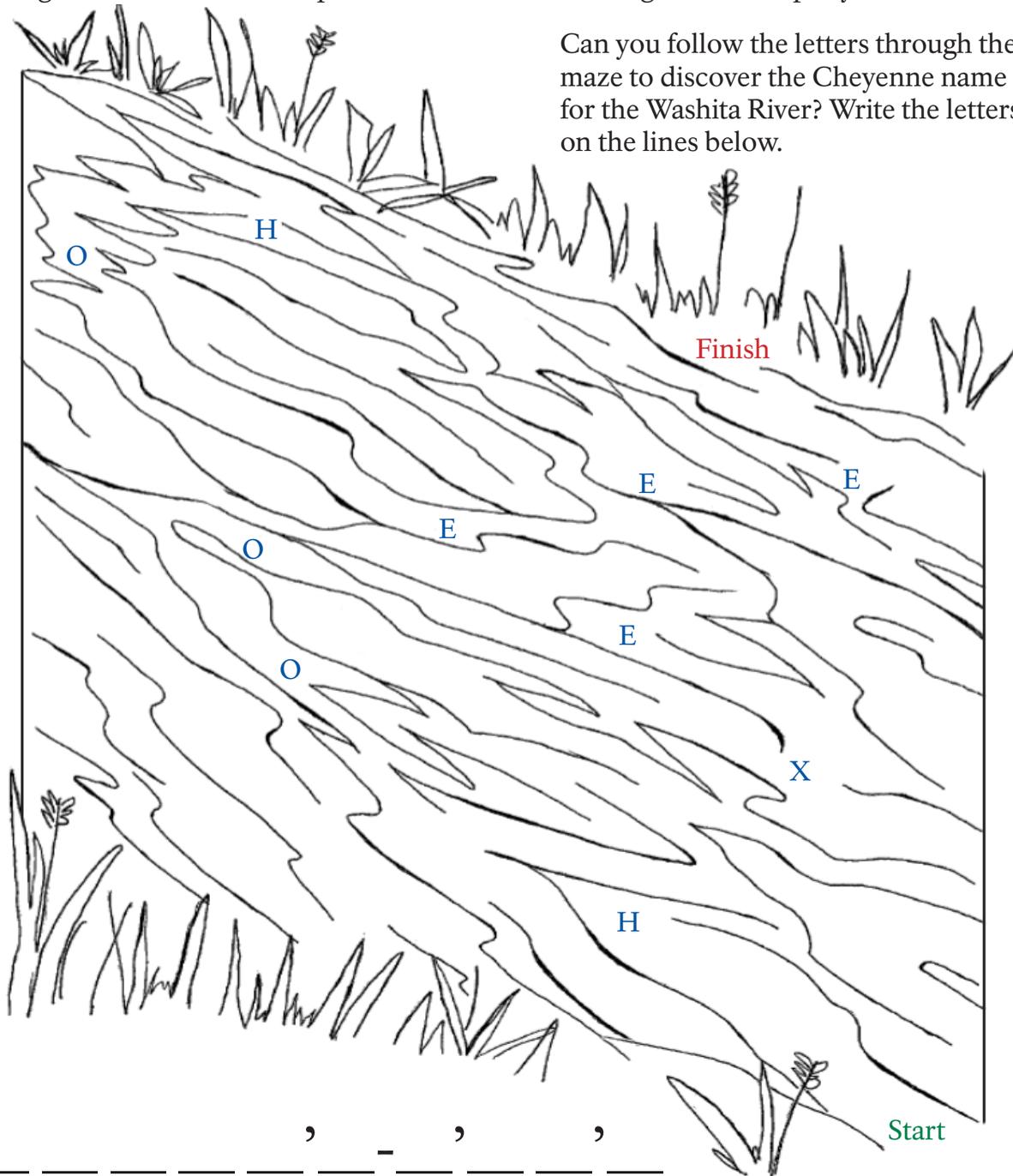


Crossing the Washita



The river was a favorite place for the Southern Plains Indians to camp out during the winter months. It provided food to hunt and grass for the pony herd.

Can you follow the letters through the maze to discover the Cheyenne name for the Washita River? Write the letters on the lines below.



_____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____

Start

Finish

Cheyenne Interpreter



In the 1800's U.S. soldiers and the Cheyenne spoke different languages. At the time of the Battle of the Washita, the U.S. Government hired interpreters to translate from one language to another.

Hidden throughout the booklet are Cheyenne words. See if you can find all the words and help Mo figure out the secret words by unscrambling the circled letters.



_____ , _____ - Q _____ , _____



_____ U _____



_____ I _____



_____ , _____ , _____ R _____



_____ E _____



_____ A _____ , _____

_____ Q _____ U _____ I _____
 _____ R _____ E _____



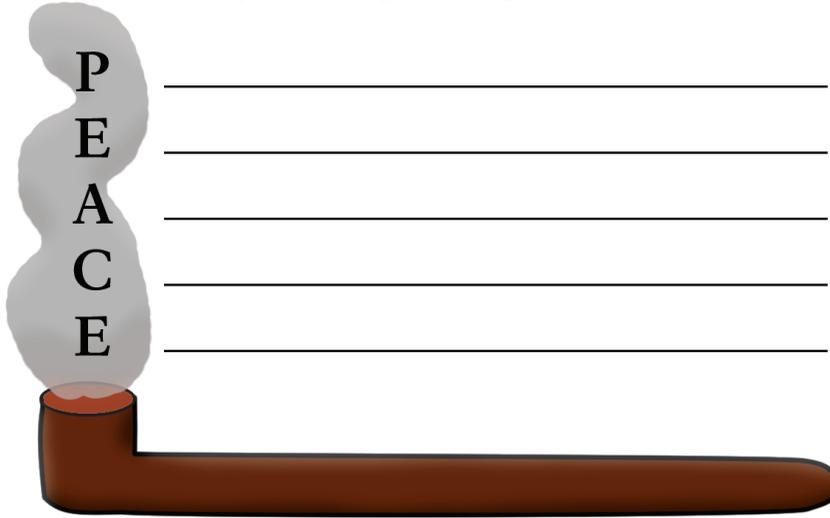
My favorite Cheyenne word is matsemenotse or OATS!



What Can You Do?

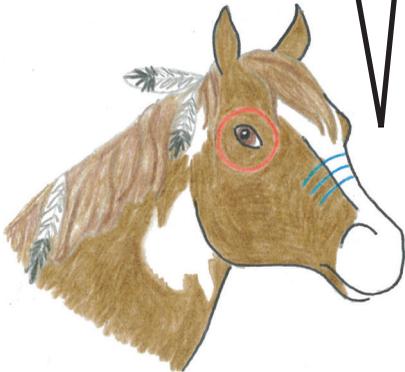


In American Indian culture, the sharing of a *he'ohko* (*hey-oc-ko*) is a sign of peace. Cheyenne leaders shared a Peace Pipe with Lt. Col. Custer shortly after the Battle of the Washita. Write your own poem of peace below.



Chief Black Kettle worked hard for peace for the Southern Cheyenne. Washita Battlefield National Historic Site works to build peace with the past while helping move us into the future, but it should not stop here. As a Junior Ranger, what can you do in your community and school to promote peace and acceptance? (Check at least 3)

I think peace means sharing oats with my friends and being able to roam over fields without fences.



<input type="checkbox"/>	Do something nice for someone else
<input type="checkbox"/>	Help plant a garden or recycle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer at a food pantry or other organization
<input type="checkbox"/>	Compliment someone
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a new friend
<input type="checkbox"/>	Smile at 25 people
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do a household chore without being asked
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make and send a card to a friend, firefighter, or military member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

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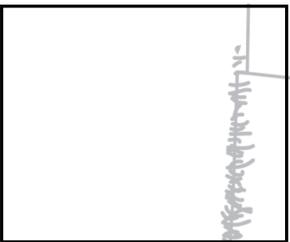
The title of

Junior Ranger

has been awarded to



for successfully completing the requirements to become a
Washita Battlefield National Historic Site Junior Ranger.



Park Ranger

