

Lesson Plan: Indian Corn

The People of The Grass Houses/ The Wichita Indians

Elementary 3rd-5th

3 Sessions (about 40 minutes per session)

Media Type: Drawing

Subject Integration: Art, Social Studies, Science

Description of the activity/workshop: Learning about The People of The Grass Houses and relating to their early life; Looking closely at the detail of shapes and patterns in art through mosaic

Why am I teaching this: *Arts Integration Thread* (to catalyze the learning of content outside of art; *Art Skills Development Thread* (to deepen the development of art making skills)

Materials: Cardstock, popcorn kernels, food color, vinegar, glue

TEKS: Art: 1:A, B 2:A, B, C 3:A, B, D 4:A, B, C

Focus Question: How did the Wichita Indians use their resources to survive?

Opening: <http://wichitafallsart.org/educational-resources>

1. Allow students to research the website about The Wichita Indians and the significance of corn in their daily lives?
2. What were three resources that they used?

Activity 1:

3. Talk about the use of corn. How does corn grow?
4. Research how we could dye corn?

Activity 2:

5. Allow students to dye the corn. (One cup of water, one Tablespoon of vinegar and food color of choice; Let the corn sit overnight)
6. Use the dyed corn to create a mosaic

Closing:

Share..... Reflect!!! Show artwork and have students discuss the colors and patterns.