

Embark on a Voyage of Discovery

# Native Americans in Texas

Choose three [3] primary sources and write a 250 word essay. Provide reasons and examples to support your opinion in each paragraph. Connect the images to your essay in your presentation to the class.

#### **ESSAY FORMAT**

### Introduction with three ideas

- First paragraph: topic sentence followed by reasons and personal examples to support your view
- Second paragraph: topic sentence followed by reasons and personal examples to support your view
- Third paragraph: topic sentence followed by reasons and personal examples to support your view

### **Conclusion**

- ✓ Did you state your opinion in the first paragraph and briefly give your reasons?
- ✓ Did you support your position in each of the next paragraphs?
- ✓ Does your last paragraph tie the essay together by briefly reviewing what you have said?
- ✓ Have you checked your punctuation, capitalization, and spelling?

## **Essay Topics to Choose from**

- 1. Undoubtedly, American history books have been unfair to many minorities, including Native Americans. What do you see as the major oversights to the Native people? (What do you see as the major oversights to other minorities?)
- 2. What is a cultural experience? City life is often criticized as being dangerous, culturally empty and expensive, while reservation life is described by some as dull, poverty-stricken, and narrow. Do you agree with these views?
- 3. Native American men are often stereotyped in literature as warriors with a built in sixth sense, while Native American women are seen to be submissive, and exotic. How do you feel about this type of stereotyping? What do you feel are the effects on the present day Native American Youth? Are Native Americans stereotyped by movies, t.v. and sports teams?
- 4. Describe a person or elder you respect, list 3 reasons how elder influenced your life.