



American Indian Tour

Grades 4-6

Maximize your students' visit to the *Stilled Voices, Forgotten Ways: The First Alabamians* American Indian Gallery with pre-visit activities.

Copy the activity sheets for your students' use.

Use these **Pre-Visit activities** to prepare your students for their visit to the museum.

- Southeastern Indian Place Names
- American Indian Gallery Word Search
- Alabama Indian People's Map
- Projectile Points Identification Sheet

Southeastern Indian Place Names in Alabama

Alabama- a river, and the name of our state. Derived from the Choctaw words *alba amo*, which mean “those who clear the land.”

Atalla- a city in Etowah County. Derived from the Cherokee word *otali*, which means “mountain.”

Autauga- a county in central Alabama. Derived from the Creek word *atigi*, which means “border.”

Chattahoochee- a river that forms a portion of the boundary between Alabama and Georgia. Derived from the Creek words *chato huchi*, which mean “marked rocks.”

Cheaha- the tallest mountain in Alabama, it is located in Clay county. Derived from the Choctaw word *chaha*, which means “high.”

Conecuh- a river in southern Alabama. Derived from the Creek words *koha anaka*, which means “cane-brakes near.”

Escambia- a county in southern Alabama. Derived from the Choctaw words *oski ambeha*, which mean “cane therein.”

Letohatchee- a town in Lowndes County. Derived from the Creek words *li ito fachita*, which mean “those who make arrows straight.”

Loachapoka- a town in Lee County. Derived from the Creek words *loca poga*, which mean “turtle killing place.”

Mobile- a city, river, and county in south Alabama. Derived from the Choctaw word *moeli*, which means “the rowers.”

Notasulga- a town in Macon County. Derived from the Creek words *noti sulgi*, which mean “many teeth.”

Opelika- a city in Lee County. Derived from the Creek words *opilwa lako*, which mean “big swamp.”

Patsilaga- a creek that flows through Crenshaw County, and unites with the Conecuh River in Covington County. Derived from the Creek words *pachi laiki*, which mean “pigeon roost.”

Sipsey- a river in western Alabama, flowing into the Tombigbee in Greene County. Derived from the Choctaw word *sipsi*, which means “cottonwood.”

Talladega- a city and county in northeast Alabama. Derived from the Creek words *talwa atigi*, which means “border town.”

Tallapoosa- a river that unites with the Coosa to form the Alabama River. Derives from the Choctaw words *tali pushi*, which mean “pulverized rock.”

Tallassee- a town in Elmore County. Derived from the Creek words *talwa hasi*, which mean “old town.”

Tombigbee- a river in western Alabama. Derived from the Choctaw words *itombi ikbi*, which mean “coffin makers.”

Tuscaloosa- a city and county in western Alabama. Derived from the Choctaw words *tashka lusa*, which mean “black warrior.”

Tuscumbia- a city in northwest Alabama. Derived from the Choctaw words *tashka abi*, which mean “warrior killer.”

Wetumpka- a city in Elmore County. Derived from the Creek words *wewau tumcau*, which mean “rumbling water.”

All place names and definitions taken from the following book: Read, William A. Indian Place Names in Alabama. University of Alabama Press: Tuscaloosa, AL, 1994.



American Indian Gallery Word Search

Stilled Voices, Forgotten Ways

Find and circle the words listed below



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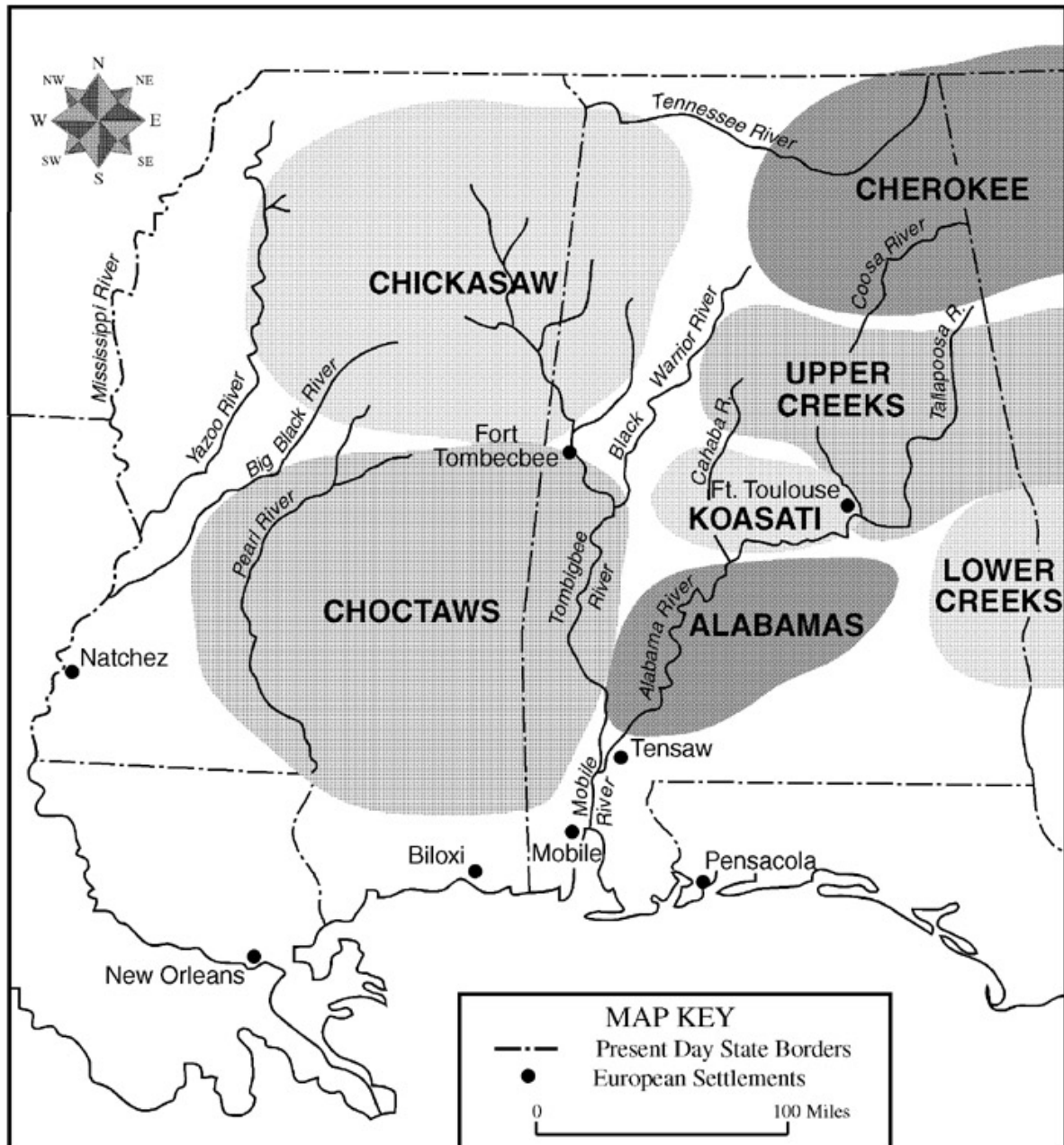
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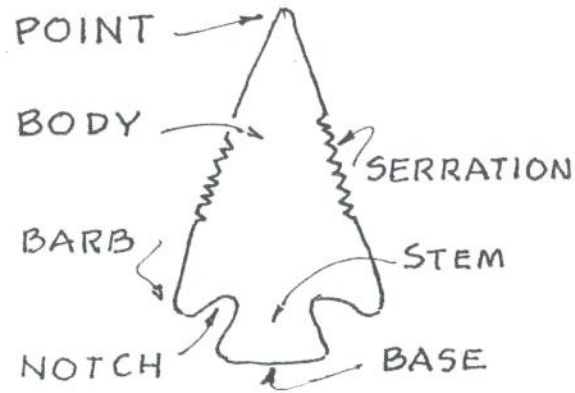
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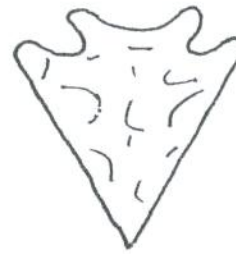
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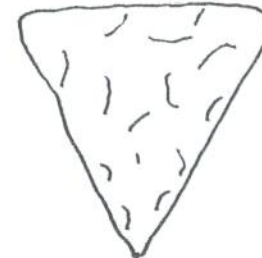
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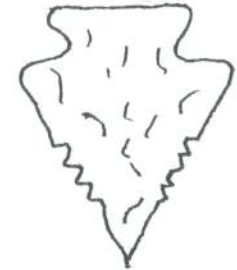
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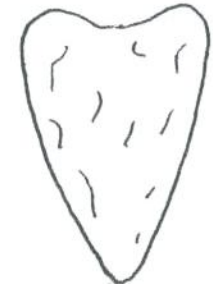
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VISIT
The American Indian
Gallery at the Alabama
Archives and see if you
can find any of these
patterns.