

# Florida Seminoles

Indians from Georgia and Alabama migrated to Florida with the encouragement of Spain. The Indians were wanted to work in the fields, build Spanish towns, and to join the Spaniards as allies. The Indians that migrated to Florida became known as the Seminoles. Escaped black slaves joined the Seminoles and the slaves helped translate for the Seminoles.

There were three undeclared wars against the Seminoles. The First Seminole War occurred in 1817 when General Andrew Jackson fought the Seminoles in North Florida. In 1830 Andrew Jackson, who was then the President, signed the Indian Removal Act. All Indians were to be moved to a specific Indian Territory west of the Mississippi. The Seminole's did not want to move and refused.

The Second Seminole War was between 1835 and 1842, and was known as the bloodiest and most expensive Indian War. Many of the Seminole's who had previously refused to be moved to the Indian Territory west of the Mississippi were captured and forced onto steamboats and moved to what is now known as Oklahoma. The Seminoles that were not captured remain in South Florida in the Everglades.

The Third Seminole War began in 1885 because Billy Bowlegs garden in the Everglades was destroyed. This war lasted three years and around 123 Seminoles gave up and moved to the Indian Territory. The remaining Seminoles in Florida stayed in the Everglades and had to learn to adapt to the harsh conditions. They built chickees which allowed breezes to blow through and they kept insects and snakes away.

## **Objectives:**

### **Second Grade:**

Compare and contrast your basic needs for survival with the Seminole's basic needs.

Recognize that Native Americans were the first inhabitants of North America.

Use new vocabulary.

Understand who the Seminoles were.

Understand why the Seminoles arrived in Florida.

Recall basic addition and subtraction.

### **Science:**

SC.2.L.17.1 Compare and contrast the basic needs that all living things, including humans, have for survival.

After viewing the Seminole exhibit what are some of the basic needed for survival? Are any of these basic needs different then your basic needs for survival? Are any of these basic needs the same as your basic needs for survival?

**Social Studies:**

SS.2.A.2.1 Recognize that Native Americans were the first inhabitants in North America. Native Americans were the first inhabitants of North America. Where did the Seminoles live before they Spain encouraged them to migrate to Florida?

**Reading and Language Arts:**

**Vocabulary:**

**Chickee:** a shelter supported by posts, with a raised floor, a thatched roof and open sides.

LA.2.1.6.1 The student will use new vocabulary that is introduced and taught directly; What is a chickee? Describe what the chickee in the exhibit looks like.

LA.2.4.2.3 The student will write informational/expository paragraphs that contain a topic sentence, supporting details, and relevant information;

Write a paragraph about the Seminoles and how and why they arrived in Florida.

**Mathematics:**

MA.2.A.2.1 Recall basic addition and related subtraction facts.

3 chickees + 8 chickees =

2 chickees – 1 chickees =

6 Seminole Indians – 3 Seminole Indians =

8 Seminole Indians + 2 Seminole Indians =