

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:

Fourth Grade:

Recognize how the Seminole's impacted their environment.

Understand how the Seminole tribe formed.

Understand the purpose of the migration of the Seminoles.

Understand the causes and effects of the Seminole Wars.

Write an essay discussing the causes and effects of the Seminole Wars.

Demonstrate knowledge of finding the area of a rectangle.

Science:

SC.4.L.17.4 Recognize ways plants and animals, including humans, can impact the environment.

How do you think the Seminole's impacted the environment in which they lived?

Social Studies:

SS.4.A.3.10 Identify the causes and effects of the Seminole Wars.

What are the causes and effects of the Seminole Wars?

SS.4.A.3.8 Explain how the Seminole tribe formed and the purpose for their migration.

Reading and Language Arts:

Vocabulary:

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

LA.4.4.2.3 The student will write informational/expository essays that contain introductory, body, and concluding paragraphs;

Write an essay discussing the causes and effects of the Seminole war.

Mathematics:

MA.4.G.3.2 Justify the formula for the area of the rectangle "area = base x height".

Imagine a chickee in rectangle with the length and width given below, what is the area?

