

Lansing School District News



DIFFERENT STROKES - Jaret Herter and Jonasz Ely-Rubik actually received instruction in swordsmanship as part of their research about fencing. More than 70 tenth graders immersed themselves in a 6-week interdisciplinary approach to global studies, English and research techniques aided by teachers Wendy Cleveland, Chris Finn and Mitch Addy and librarian Jo-Ann Mancini.

13th Century Comes Alive As Time Travelers Haunt Lansing High Halls

When Brienne Larsen assumed the role of Guinivere to research the life of her "husband" King Arthur, little did she realize that she would learn about the status of medieval women and how many 12 to 13 year old girls were married off against their will to 40 and 50 year old men.

Letting students choose their own topics and carry on a six week interdisciplinary research and role-playing project is an extraordinary way to involve our students in their education, explained English teacher Wendy Cleveland as 72 tenth grade students listened to oral presentations just before the holiday break.

Students from three classes chose from dozens of topics about medieval life, including music, torture, food, weaponry, clothing, holidays, heraldry, medicine and construction techniques.



HAPPY LANDING - Libby Bishop, Bronwyn Losey and Jessica Kirk watch Jamie Pasto sit on the catapult constructed by Jim Volbrecht & Brian Perry.

As they made use of more than 200 books at the high school library acquired from the Finger Lakes Library System, they were encouraged to compare and contrast medieval knowledge, values and behavior with contemporary American life.

To better create the mood of the times, many students created their own period costumes. As has always been the case, fine food and beverages made the formal presentations a pleasant experience.



BLESSINGS - "Father" Jared Beck blesses Guinivere and Arthur (Brienne Larsen & Jason Howell) as herald Jamie Pasto and Lady Jessica Kirk look on.

Kids' Puzzle Corner by JP

If you have ideas for puzzles, why not share them? Write to J-P at 204 Wilson Road, Lansing, NY 14882

Hello everyone!
I hope that you had a nice Christmas. Today I'm going to give you a TRIPLE PUZZLE about Native Americans.

Inside the grid below, I've hidden the names of 15 of the several hundred Native American tribes that live within the United States. One state (which you'll identify later) not only has the third largest population of Native Americans in America, but also has about 25% of its land area occupied by Native American reservations.

The 15 tribes that I've chosen are the Apache, Navajo, Hopi, Nanticoke, Seminole, Havasupai, Cherokee, Iroquois, Huron, Lumbee, Sioux, Pawnee, Cree, Inuit and Choctaw.

Here are my TRIPLE PUZZLE questions:

- 1) Can you find the 15 tribes hidden in the grid?
- 2) Can you identify the state with the third largest Native American population?
(Hint: Look for the first 7 left-over letters after you locate the 15 tribes hidden in the grid.)
- 3) I found out where these 15 tribes live by looking in an encyclopedia. Can you?

Ready? Set. GO!!

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- The state with the third largest Native American population is _____.
- The Apache mainly live in the state of _____.
- The Navajo mainly live in the state of _____.
- The Hopi mainly live in the state of _____.
- The Nanticoke mainly live in the state of _____.
- The Seminole mainly live in the state of _____.
- The Havasupai mainly live in the state of _____.
- The Cherokee mainly live in the state of _____.
- The 6 Nations of the Iroquois Confederation mainly live in the state of _____.
- The Huron mainly live in the state of _____.
- The Lumbee mainly live in the state of _____.
- The Sioux mainly live in the state of _____.
- The Pawnee mainly live in the state of _____.
- The Cree mainly live in the state of _____.
- The Inuit mainly live in the state of _____.
- The Choctaw mainly live in the state of _____.

Bonus Question: The Town of Lansing lies within the traditional territory of one of the 6 nations of the Iroquois Confederation. Do you know what Native American tribe lived here before European settlers arrived?




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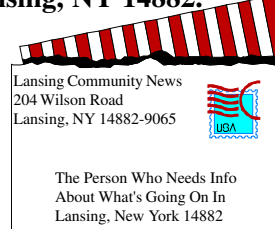


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