

Crayola Scissors. Erase any extra marks.

3. **Set the scene.** Using Crayola Twistables, color construction paper with sky and prairie. Attach the buffalo to your background with a Crayola Glue Stick.

4. **Make miniature replicas.** On a separate paper, use Crayola Multicultural Markers and Twistables to draw and color many items that Native Americans made from buffalo. Glue them to the buffalo for an informative display.

Adaptations

Using brown paper bags, create life-size replicas of things that the Plains Indians made from buffalo, such as tipis, puddings, moccasins, soaps, or cradleboards. Label them for a large bulletin board display. Find out which part of the buffalo (hide, bones, meat, horns, or hair) was used for which items.

Discover the Lakota Sioux legend of the white buffalo. What other stories are told about buffalo?

On a map, outline the area that is considered to be the Great Plains. What U.S. and Mexican states and Canadian provinces are found in these areas now? Where are the buffalo? Which indigenous peoples lived in these areas? Where are they today?

Assessment: Verify that the drawings represent authentic Plains Indians artifacts made from any parts of the buffalo.

Benefits

Students research the American bison or buffalo to recognize the importance of this animal to the Native peoples of the Great Plains.

Students identify many items used by Plains tribes that originated from the buffalo.

Students create a detailed display to show several items that were made from buffalo parts.

Grades

Grades 1 to 3

Grades 4 to 6

Subjects

Social Studies

Visual Arts

Time

Multiple Sessions

Curriculum Standards Links

US: [Research U.S. Standards](#)

UK: [Research UK Standards](#)

Canada: [Research Canada Standards](#)

Safety Guidelines

Small Parts— **WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD**—Small parts. Not for children under 3 years.

Scissors—**ATTENTION:** The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Blunt-tip scissors should be used only by children 4 years and older. Pointed-tip scissors should be used only by children 6 years and older.