

# **Lifestyle and Settlement Patterns of the People of Saskatchewan**

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## **Outcomes:**

The assignment focused on early Saskatchewan architecture.

DR4.1 discusses lifestyles and settlement patterns of the people of Saskatchewan. It also looks at the styles, materials, and cultural traditions in architecture.

**Summary of plan** for integrating creativity into my classroom this year:

- My goal was to implement creativity in the form of a building project in my Grade 4-6 Social class. We are focusing on Saskatchewan. As a wrap up to Chapter 1 I had the students build a model of a pioneer house. When focusing on how geography can influence lifestyle choices, we looked at the architecture of the past.
- Step by step:
  - o We learned about the architecture of the past in the textbook.
  - o We further investigated by looking at pictures and videos on the computer.
  - o I summarized with the class – 4 types of pioneer housing
    - Sod
    - Log
    - Stone
    - plank
  - o Students were given the assignment to choose one type of house and build a replica.
  - o This was a homework assignment.

- Each student made their own decisions as to what their house would look like, what materials they would use, etc.
- Once all houses were completed, the students shared/presented them to the class and told what they did to make their project.
- The other classes in our school also did a walk through to see the pioneer houses and ask the students about their creations

### Teacher Feedback:

- I was very pleased with the results of this assignment. I liked seeing what the students could create when they were away from class. I knew that they would be getting help from their parents but they wouldn't be making a house just like the student sitting next to them. I was pleased that I had a few of each kind of house come in. Seeing some of the choices of materials, designs, and presentations showed me that the students are very creative and can do amazing things.
- I had also asked that the students or parents try to take some pictures of the construction at home and send to me.



