

6th Grade Social Studies

Minnesota History

Chapter 2 Assessment STUDY GUIDE

Name _____

CHAPTER 2: EVIDENCE FROM THE PAST

Learning Targets

1. I can summarize how the earliest Minnesotans lived and how they became more modern.
2. I can explain how archaeologists learn about what life was like before written history.
3. I can explain how the land and climate of MN have changed over time.

- 1) What is “oral history” and how has it been important to people.

oral history: the purposeful retelling of stories about the past events and legends of a group in order to teach about that group's culture

1. Sometimes these stories tell of events that happen long ago
2. Sometimes they are legends that teach lessons or explain why things are the way they are
3. Sometimes they are stories that warn of what might happen in the future if young people don't listen to their elders

- 2) What does “perspective” mean? Name three things that can affect a person's perspective.

perspective: the way a person sees and understands the world

1. Education
2. Culture
3. Time Period
4. Home

- 3) Describe what petroglyphs are and where they have been found.

Petroglyph ~ a rock carving made by people



➤ **Jeffers Petroglyphs**

- Near Comfrey, MN
- Islands of exposed rock in the prairie
- Contain ancient carvings of people, elk, bison, turtles, and various symbols

4) What does an archaeologist do?

archaeologist: a scientist who studies past human life and activities by examining physical evidence such as tools, fire pits, and ruins from dwellings



5) Describe the five (5) steps of the scientific method as described in your book on page 19.

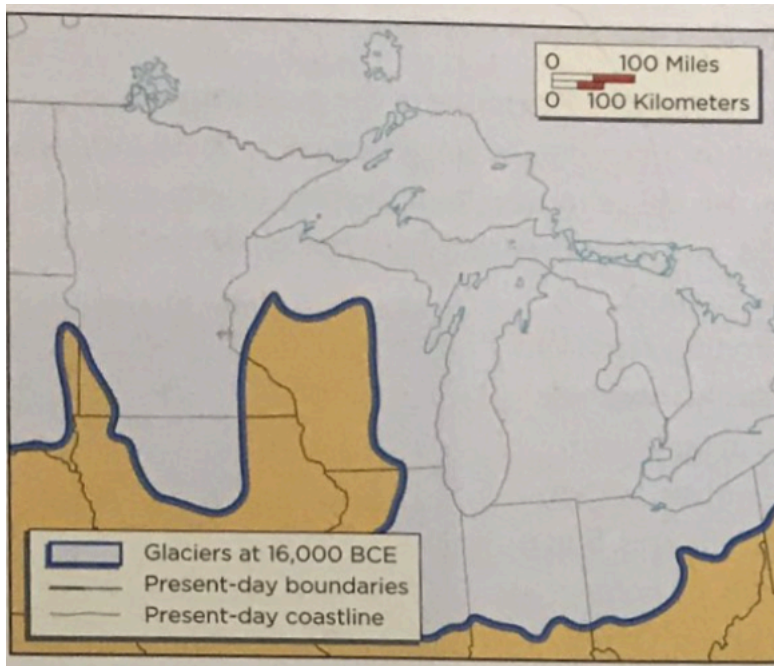
1. Ask a Question
2. State a Hypothesis
3. Perform an Experiment
4. Record the Findings
5. Reach a Conclusion

6) When and why did people in Minnesota begin making burial mounds? What did they look like?

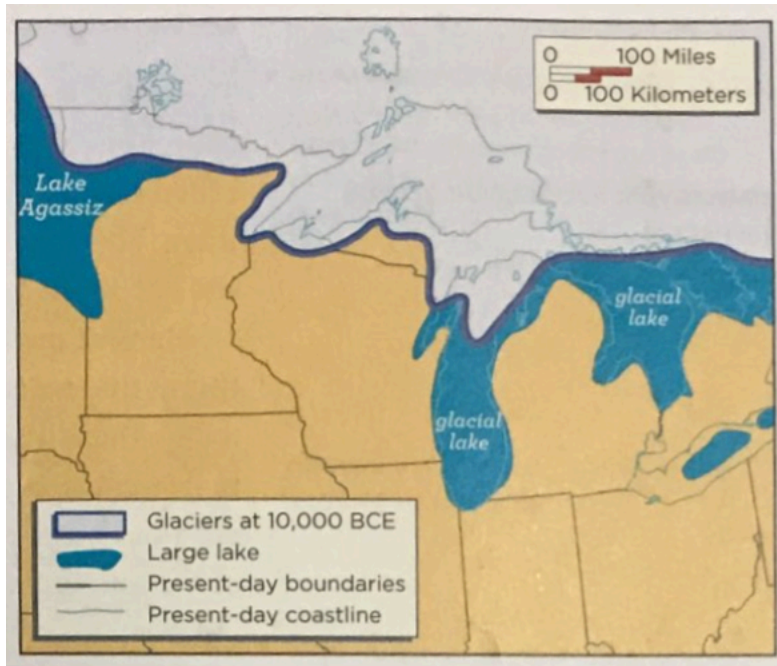
200 BCE to 1,300 CE

A new religious practice became common during this time. Many people began burying their dead in mounds of earth. Most mounds were small and round. Some were long, and a few were shaped like animals. Over hundreds of years, thousands of burial mounds were built in Minnesota.

- 7) How much of Minnesota was covered by glaciers 18,000 years ago? (Hint: Look at the maps on p. 13)



- 8) Describe Minnesota's landscape and climate 12,000 years ago. How have the land and climate changed since then?



- Then
 - Glacier in the north
 - Lake Agassiz in NW
 - Now
 - No Glaciers
 - Many Lakes
- 9) Why did people in Minnesota begin to eat a varied diet? What was changing about their lives?
- People were staying longer in seasonal camps
 - Were on the move less
 - Climate became more favorable
 - Could grow food more, instead of chasing it
- 10) Scientists believe that people have been living in Minnesota for thousands of years. Why do they think that? Describe three pieces of evidence.
- Because of the evidence that they have found
 - Artifacts
 - Jeffers Petroglyph
 - Oral History

