Native Americans in Western Virginia

Grade Level: Eighth Grade

Essential Question:

Using supportive evidence, analyze the different groups of Native Americans in western Virginia in relation to their daily lives and cultures.

What do we want them to know?

* How Native Americans got here.
  + Land Bridge, Etc.
* How and why the formed settlements.
  + Transition from nomads to settlements.
* Identify and locate the 4 major groups.
  + Mingo, Delaware, Cherokee, Shawnee
* Describe daily life within each of the 4 groups.
* Explain the theories that lead to the absence of many Native American groups from western Virginia.

Possible Projects:

* + Create a display that depicts daily life and culture. Students will present it to the class.
    - Each student will be responsible for completing a graphic organizer on the information presented by the other groups.
  + Create a pamphlet or poster on one of the tribes.
  + Students create a presentation using; power-point, Prezi, sway (office 365), google presentation (google school), on one of the tribes.

Resources:

* + WV Encyclopedia
    - <https://www.wvencyclopedia.org/assets/0002/4568/LessonplanIndians2.pdf>
  + Smithsonian
    - <http://www.nmai.si.edu/>
  + Ohio Historical Central
    - <http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/w/Delaware_Indians>
  + Library of Congress (searchable by Tribe)
    - <https://www.loc.gov/>

Assessment:

* + Student Project with Rubric
  + Completion of graphic organizer