

Native American Shelter in Kansas-Answer Key

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Answer Key to Questions in Step 1:

Did the Pawnee Indians use natural resources to build their homes? Explain your reasoning.

Yes, they used natural resources like mud, wood, and grass to build earth lodges.

What could have happened if the Pawnee Indians didn't use mud on the tops of their homes?

The Pawnee Indians used the mud to make the homes weather tight so rain could not get in. Without the mud, the inside of the house could be flooded with water.

Why did the Wichita use tipis?

The Wichita used tipis because the tipis could be carried easily when traveling on buffalo hunts.

Why do you think the Wichita used grass instead of wood or tree branches to build their homes?

The Wichita lived in a very grassy area. They likely used grass because it was the most available resource.

What other types of buildings did the Wichita build near their homes?

They built a small shelter that had a roof but no sides. The shelter could be used as a shaded place to sit on warm days.

Why do you think the Kansa built both temporary and permanent homes?

The Kansa built both types of homes so that they always had a place to stay in the permanent homes, but also had homes they could use when they would travel to hunt.

How did the Kansas used natural resources to build earth lodges and wood lodges?

They used leaves, bark, and tree branches to make earth lodges that would protect people from the rain. They also used wood with dirt floors to make the long lodges.