

Database Quiz

Worksheet

Grades 9-12

Secondary Cycle 2



(Use this worksheet with the Database Quiz Lesson Plan or on its own.)

Do you think you're a good web detective? See how well you can navigate your way through the Gateway to Aboriginal Heritage web module and answer these questions.

1. Go to this web address: www.civilization.ca/tresors/ethno/index_e.html.

a) Which museum developed the Gateway to Aboriginal Heritage web module?

b) What does this web module document?

c) What types of objects are not included in this module?

2. Find the 5 sections listed across the top of the page, beginning with Introduction.

a) Which section links to archival images?

b) In which section can you see photographs taken by James Teit?

c) Which section contains images of museum objects?

3. This quiz will focus on museum objects. Go to the Objects section. Click on the Arctic region of the map. Scroll down through the artifact pictures.

a) Name an object that was used for fishing.

b) What three materials is this object made from?

c) Click on the magnifying glass. What do you see?

d) Select "Detailed description" beneath the photo and look at its artifact record. Name one type of information on this record.

4. Return to the map.

a) Select the Plains region. Find a beaded rawhide pouch that was worn as part of a dancing outfit. When was this pouch made?

b) Select the Western Subarctic region. What is the artifact number of the birch bark berry basket?

c) Choose the Plateau region and look for a saddle. From what materials is it made?

d) In the Pacific Coast region, name an object that had a lost twin in Paris.

- e) Select the Woodlands and Eastern Subarctic region. "The man who wore this painted caribou-skin coat may have done so to propitiate and honour the spirit of the caribou he sought to kill." To which semi-nomadic group did the owner belong?

Who collected the coat?

5. Besides the map, objects can be searched by Object type from the menu on the left side of the Objects page. Select Object type and look at the list of object categories.

- a) In which category would you find a harpoon?
b) In which category would you find a kayak?

6. Go to the Sports category.

- a) How many objects are in this collection?
b) Which is the most modern object in the collection?
c) What other objects are in this collection? Name three.

7. Select New Search from the bottom left corner. In the Keywords box, type "tipi".

- a) Which object comes from the Slavey people?
b) Find the Abenaki tipi. Select its image to see a close-up and select its object name to see the artifact record. How big is it?
c) Which category do you think this appears in?

8. Now, go to the Dwellings category.

- a) Name four different types of shelters represented by the objects.
b) Find a Kwakiutl pole, object VII-E-391. How many figures are depicted on the pole?
c) Which province did this pole come from?

9. Head to the Clothing and Accessories category. Scroll through the pages.

- a) How do you think the objects are organized?
b) How many objects are in this category?
c) Search for a vest from the Plains region. How many did you find?
d) Look for the vest with the least beading. What is its artifact number?

10. Go to the Transportation (Land) category. Look for a cradle-board, artifact number III-D-711, used to carry a baby.

- a) What modern object does it resemble?
- b) How did someone wear it? Select the artifact name and look at the photo at the bottom of the page for a clue.

11. Now search for an object of your choice using the Keyword box.

- a) What object would you like to search for?
- b) How many of these objects did you find?
- c) Who made or owned them? Name two cultural groups.

Do some items come from non-native groups? That's because the database includes museum objects from around the world.

12. You're not quite done. Do a bit of surfing through the categories, and return to the map for another look at the images there.

- a) What is the most interesting object you can find?
- b) What is the most beautiful object you can find?
- c) What is the most unusual object you can find?

You're done! You have succeeded in navigating the Gateway to Aboriginal Heritage web module. Now see how well you did by getting a friend to mark your worksheet.