

Worksheet 1: Plateau Indian Beaded Bags

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. What kind of art have you seen made from beads?
2. Have you ever used beads to create art? If so, what type of beads did you use and what did you create?
3. What objects do you think could be decorated with beads?
4. Which Montana tribes and reservations are located on the Columbia River Plateau?

5. Listed below are characteristics of pony, seed, and metal beads, including the size, available colors, and time period they became widely available on the Columbia River Plateau. On each line, write one bead type that is described by each characteristic.

Diameter less than 1 cm _____

Diameter of 1 cm _____

Mostly black, white, red,
and blue _____

Wide variety of colors _____

20th century _____

Mid-19th century _____

Early 19th century _____

6. How could you tell the difference between a beaded bag made in 1880 and a beaded bag made in 1915?

7. What were the differences between the beaded bags made to sell to non-Natives and those made for members of the tribe?

8. Have you ever animated a story before? If so, what was the story?

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