

North Dakota Early Settlement Diorama

What? A diorama comparing and contrasting a scene from Early Settlement time with a scene from present time.

When? This project is due back at school on _____.

How? We will do a blueprint at school of the kids' plans and a comparing and contrasting venn diagram to get them brainstorming.

Take a longer shoebox (adult shoe size) and place it on the side with the opening outwards. Place your first and last name on the back of the box. Since you are comparing and contrasting two different time periods, you will need to think of some way to separate the inside of the box in half. You can use paper, fabric, cardboard , etc.

On one side of the box you will create a scene from Early Settlement times. On the other side you will create a scene from present times. You must include the same things on each side of the diorama. For instance, if you chose to include clothing, housing, and transportation, you may show a colonial family leaving their home in a wagon on the colonial side. On the present-day side you may include a family outside their home standing near a car.

Please remember that in a diorama you use the back and sides of the shoebox as your background and the bottom of the box as the floor to your scene. The items you use in your diorama need to be standing in the box. They may be drawn and colored on paper then placed in a standing position or they may be actual items such as toys or other props that are placed in the box.

BE CREATIVE! Make sure that everything you use looks like the time period you are representing, for instance, if you are using an action figure, make sure you make clothing or put something on them to m them look like they belonged in the early settlement times.

List: Pick a topic, then 3 things to represent in your diorama.

Papertown	Home (interior or exterior)	Schoolhouse (interior)	Farm
-Railroad		-Furniture	-Animals
-Transportation	-Dugout	-Decoration	-Tools
-Livery Stable	-Soddie	-Student/teacher	-Barn
-General Store	-Claim Shantie	-Chalkboard	-Machinery
-Hardware Store	-Heat source		-Transportation
-Services	-Well		
-School	-Outhouse		
-Church	-Kitchen		
	-Furniture		

Go to the class website, Social Studies tab for help on how to make a diorama.

