

Understanding Climate Change through Indigenous Basketry

Discussion Question List

Map 1: Native Nations of the Southwest

How many Native Nations are in Arizona?

How many Native Nations are in the State you live in?

Whose traditional land do you currently live on? Look at website native-land.ca to find out.

What are the many ways that you use baskets?

Are there any crafts that you have learned from someone in your family? What are they?

Map 2: Climates of Arizona

Describe the climate you live in. Is it hot and dry, cold and wet, or a combination?

What plants grow where you live? Describe them and think how the climate where you live might impact them.

Plants and Tools Used in Making Tohono O'odham Baskets

What plants would you want to use to weave a basket?

Why would you choose those? Refer back to the Plants of Arizona activity to figure out where you might find those plants.

Interview with Tohono O'odham Basketweaver Terrol Dew Johnson

What have baskets been used for?

Why were they made in the past and why are they being made today?

Interactive Basket Display

How does climate change affect plants that grow in and around rivers or ponds?

Do you do any crafts that are like basketry or weaving? Who taught you? What do you make?

If you do a craft, how do you get the materials you use?

3D Model of Margaret Saraficid's, Tohono O'odha, Traditional Saguaro Fruit Harvesting Basket

Reflection Activity

What activities do you do with your family in nature (gardening, hiking, picnics, etc.)?

How do you feel when you spend time out in nature?

Have you noticed any changes in the environment where you live or other places you spend time? If so, what are they?

How does drought affect where you live?

How can you lower your water and energy use?

What organizations in your community are working to address water conservation?