US HISTORY

NATIVE AMERICAN LIFE

**Directions: Use the following websites to complete the questions about Native American Life. (Worth 20 Points)**

Go to the website <http://nativeamericans.mrdonn.org/dailylife.html> and select the link for the Plains People under the Great Plains Indians.

**Pictographs, Smoke Signals and Mirrors:**

1. Why were smoke signals a good way to communicate on the Great Plains?

2. Why was sign language needed to communicate with other Native Americans?

3. How many different signs were some Indians aware of?

**Teepees:**

4. How many people could some teepees hold?

5. What did an open entrance flap mean on a teepee?

**Horses:**

6. Who brought horses to America?

7. What did Plains Indians call horses when they first saw them?

**Buffaloes:**

8. In the old days before horses, how were buffaloes killed?

9. When was a boy allowed to go on his first buffalo hunt?

10. Click on link How many ways you can use a buffalo scroll over the buffalo parts to find out how it was used.

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| Hair |  |
| Hide |  |
| Tail |  |
| Horns |  |
| Buffalo Chips |  |
| Brains |  |

**Names:**

11. When did a boy pick a new name?

12. How long did a girl usually keep her name?

**Marriage:**

13. How many wives did an Indian have?

14. What gift was given to the family of the bride?

**Religion:**

15. Who was the Great White Buffalo Woman? What did she do?

**Part II: US Map Practice: Go to the following site to practice your states.** [**http://www.ilike2learn.com/ilike2learn/unitedstates.html**](http://www.ilike2learn.com/ilike2learn/unitedstates.html)

**Part III: The Gold Rush – Go to** [**http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/goldrush/sfeature/game\_swf.html**](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/goldrush/sfeature/game_swf.html) **and try the game.**