



CHILDREN OF THE TIPI

LIFE IN THE BUFFALO DAYS

ABOUT THE BOOK

- ❖ Prior to our modern era of television, video games, and computers how did American Indian children live, learn, and play?
- ❖ *Children of the Tipi* depicts what life was like for an American Indian child growing up on the North American Plains during the 19th century
- ❖ Features historical sepia photographs of children at work and play, as well as detailed color photographs of their toys, tools, and everyday objects
- ❖ Includes sections on storytelling, nomadic life, horses, living in nature, camp life, and the important role of parents and grandparents
- ❖ Comprised entirely of original sayings by American Indian men and women before 1904, the quotes in this book transport the reader to “another place and time”
- ❖ Promotes tolerance of different peoples, while learning an important piece of our American history

Finalist in the “Children’s Educational” category of The USA “Best Books 2013” Awards

“This gem showcases the traditional life of the Plains Indians.... Quotes from important members of the tribes, people who had experienced firsthand or learned the traditional ways from elders, make up most of the text.... The images are carefully positioned, and spot color photos of cultural artifacts add detail to each topic. For the art alone, this will be a useful addition.”

—*School Library Journal*



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CHILDREN OF THE TIPI — WISDOM TALES DISCUSSION GUIDE



1. What kind of home did the children of the American Plains grow up in? Why were they made this way?
2. American Indian girls played with dolls. Do they look like the dolls in the store today? What were they made out of?
3. When little boys were given a bow and arrows to play with, how were they different than their father's? Why did the men need to have a bow and arrows?
4. What other games did young American Indians play? Are they similar to or different than the games you play today?
5. Did the American Indian children have story books like we have today? How were they taught stories?
6. Did the American Indians of the Plains have cars or buses? How did the people go on long journeys?
7. Today, we elect people to help run our towns. Who helped lead the American Indian communities long ago?
8. American Indian boys and girls were taught to respect their grandparents and the elderly. Why is that? Do you think they did some of the same things with their grandparents that you do with yours?
9. The American Indians thought very highly of the land and of Mother Nature. Why do you think that is?
10. In the back of the book, there are color pictures of boys and girls today wearing cloths like their great-grandparents used to wear. Why do you think it would be important to wear these cloths and learn how to do some of the things other American Indians used to do long ago?

