

Grade 7

Past

Ktunaxa Land

The Ktunaxa People describe their territory using ancient place names, some of these names are thousands of years old, having been established at the time of Creation.

Ktunaxa place names often describe significant events remembered in oral histories; some referencing battles with other Nations, others the making of peace.

Each Nation has a territory that can be defined as being exclusive to their historic use and occupancy, and also a territory that they would define as having been shared with other Nations, the latter generally coinciding with the region extending to the outermost boundaries of a given territory.

Present

Ktunaxa Nation Vision

Strong, healthy citizens and communities, speaking our languages and celebrating who we are and our history in our ancestral homelands, working together, managing our lands and resources as a self-sufficient, self-governing Nation.

Ktunaxa People

Ktunaxa (pronounced k-too-naf-sha) People have occupied the lands adjacent to the Kootenay and Columbia Rivers and the Arrow Lakes of British Columbia, Canada for more than 10,000 years. The Traditional Territory of the Ktunaxa Nation covers approximately 70,000 square km within the Kootenay region of south-eastern B.C., northern Montana and Idaho, and historically included parts of Alberta and Washington.

Today the Ktunaxa are a thriving Nation of people who are working to revitalize their language and culture, taking a lead stewardship role across their lands. The Ktunaxa Nation is enthusiastically working towards self-governance as part of their Nation re-building. They continue to maintain cooperative and respectful relationships with neighboring First Nations and other levels of government.

Artists and Works:

- Cradleboard: Donald Sam, Artist: Karen "DeDe" Friedlander, Grandmother Adeline Abraham (now Mathias) 1910 - 2007, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe
- Men's Traditional Regalia, Artist: Alfred Joseph, ʔAkisǰnuk
- Womens Traditional Regalia, Artist: Louis Artwell 1941 4 19 age 73 Great Grandfather Mary Madeline Abel 1965 8 21 age 93 Great grandmother
- Fan, Johanne Allard, Shuswap Artist: Agnes McCoy ʔAqám 1943 - 2008 Charles "Chuck" Adams, Wolf Point Montana 1921 - 2005

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Scavenger Hunt:

- Geographic conditions shaped the emergence of civilizations. From the formation of the Rocky Mountain Trench to the Creation Story to today, your students will take a look at the history of our local First Nations group. Our curriculum based scavenger hunt focuses on origins, core beliefs, narratives, practices, and influences of religions of the Ktunaxa people.
- The scavenger hunt will be conducted in small groups and the students will work together to answer the questions.