

“Lakota Way” | OSEU 7: Way of Life & Development

Compelling Question	What virtues are important in our world today?	
Standards and Practices	<p>OSEUS 7.3 -- Students will identify ways that the <i>Oceti Sakowin</i> values provide resiliency in keeping the <i>Oceti Sakowin</i> way of life.</p> <p>6.H.1.2 Examine the chronology of historical events throughout the world to analyze their impact on the past, present, and future</p> <p>6.H.2.1 Analyze the development and cultural contributions that gave rise to the earliest human communities</p> <p>6.H.4.3 Explain how events and ideas in ancient civilizations influence humans today</p>	
Staging the Question	<p>What 12 virtues outlined in “The Lakota Way” were important to the <i>Oceti Sakowin</i>?</p> <p>What virtues are important to contemporary mainstream society?</p>	
Supporting Question 1		
<p>What is a virtue?</p> <p>Why is/are virtue(s) important in life?</p>		
Formative Performance Task		
<p>Students read each of the chapters in “The Lakota Way” about virtues (#1-12) and keep a journal as they read. After reading each chapter, students write a summary of the virtue and the example that was given in the story. Then, students write about their personal examples of this virtue in their life- something they have done/something that was done for them.</p> <p>Students can also include drawings in their journal if they wish.</p> <p>Journal entries can be shared with the class.</p>		
Featured Sources		
<p>“The Lakota Way” by Joseph Marshall III; http://www.wolakotaproject.org/ (“The Lakota Way” can be heard on audio using the WoLakota site.)</p>		
Summative Performance Task	Argument	Which one of these virtues do you feel is most important? Why? In a paragraph, explain which virtue you feel is most valuable to society and why. Is there only one, or are they connected? How could our world improve if everyone focused on ONE virtue?
	Extension	Why does the book begin with the virtue “Humility”? If you were to reorder the

		<p>virtues, which virtue would you start with? Which would be your second, third... ?</p> <p>Create a poster placing the virtues in order of your beliefs. Include a picture and story/example from your life experiences with each virtue.</p>
Taking Informed Action	<p>What can you do to promote these virtues in your classroom/school? Each week, choose one virtue to focus on and find ways to carry out that behavior. Record your actions and how people reacted to you.</p>	