

High-Stakes Games with Indigenous Chunkey Stones in Southern Illinois

Grade Level:	Middle and High School
Standards:	<p>CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.9-10.1: Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.9-10.7: Integrate quantitative or technical analysis (e.g., charts, research data) with qualitative analysis in print or digital text.</p>
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Introduction:

The remains of the most sophisticated prehistoric native civilization north of Mexico are preserved at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site. Within the 2,200-acre tract, located a few miles west of Collinsville, Illinois, lie the archaeological remnants of the central section of the ancient settlement that is today known as Cahokia. The Mississippians who lived here were accomplished builders who erected a wide variety of structures from practical homes for everyday living to monumental public works that have maintained their grandeur for centuries.

Excerpted from: <https://cahokiamounds.org/educate/>

Artifact Information:

The artifact recovered at the Cahokia Mound is a Chunkey stone. Chunkey or tchung-kee a game of Native American origin. Chunkey was played between two opponents, one rolling a stone disc across the ground and the other throwing a spear in an attempt to place the spear as close to the stopped stone as possible. The game would often continue until both players were exhausted. The game originated about 600 CE in the Cahokia region that is now near St. Louis, Missouri. It continued to be played throughout North America in one form or another long after the decline of the Mississippian period about 1500 CE.

Excerpted from:

<https://peachstatearchaeologicalsociety.org/index.php/22-game-stones/151-chunky-stones>

Activity 1. Connecting Artifacts to Evidence

Support Your Claim with Evidence. Based on the presentation, which stone(s) are chunky stones? Which are not? Why?



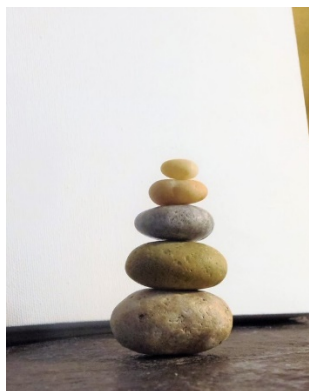
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Biscuit



Stone



Beach Stone



Tennessee



Unknown



Omar



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Activity 1 Worksheet. Connecting Artifacts to Evidence

What information from the presentation supports your claim about each artifact? Why?



Artifact 1

This artifact is a _____.

The evidence that supports my claim is _____

because _____

Artifact 2

This artifact is a _____.

The evidence that supports my claim is _____

because _____

Artifact 3

This artifact is a _____.

The evidence that supports my claim is _____

because _____

Artifact 4

This artifact is a _____.

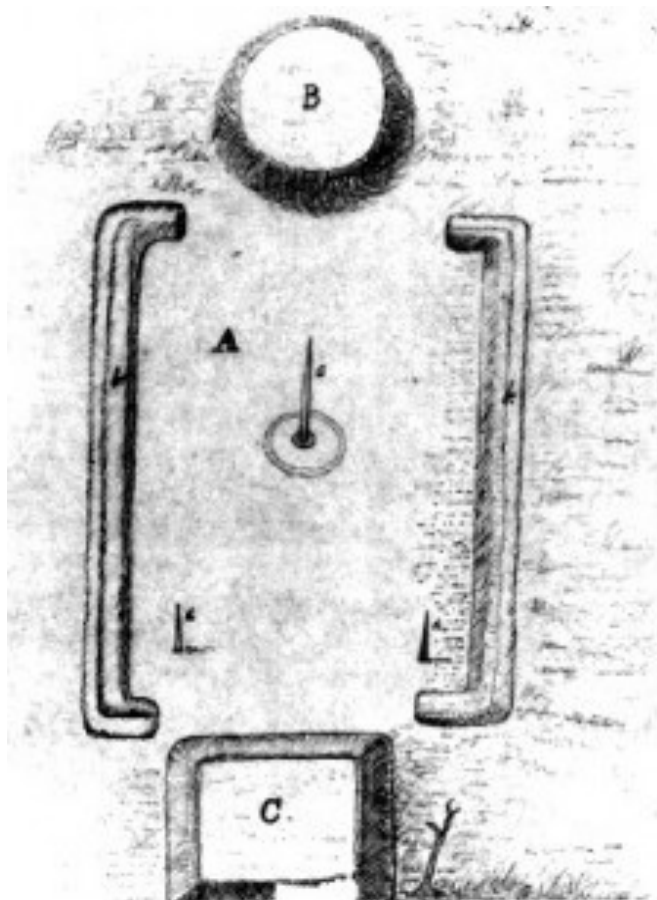
The evidence that supports my claim is _____

because _____

Activity 2. Using Artifacts as Evidence

Use Evidence to Support Your Claim.

Below is a sketch of a chunky yard where Native Americans would play their game. Use information from the presentation to support your claim on how Native Americans used this field to play Chunkey.



Copy of William Bartram's sketch of a Chunkey "yard" from his unpublished manuscript, "Observations on the Creek and Cherokee Indians."

Given your knowledge of how Chunkey was played, how were the different parts of the "yard" used?

A)

B)

C)