GREAT PLAINS INDIANS

Talk About It

What are these people doing? How do you think they dress every day?

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HISTORY AT YOUR FEET

Vocabulary

sores
loosened
mysterious
amazement
midst
responsibility
patchwork

Dictionary

Homophones sound the same but have different spellings and meanings.

Sores and *soars* are homophones.

by André Melillo

"Do I have to go?" Sam asked. "Look, I've got **sores** on my feet from walking so much."

Sam, his sister Kim, and their family were on their way to the Pawnee Indian Village Museum.

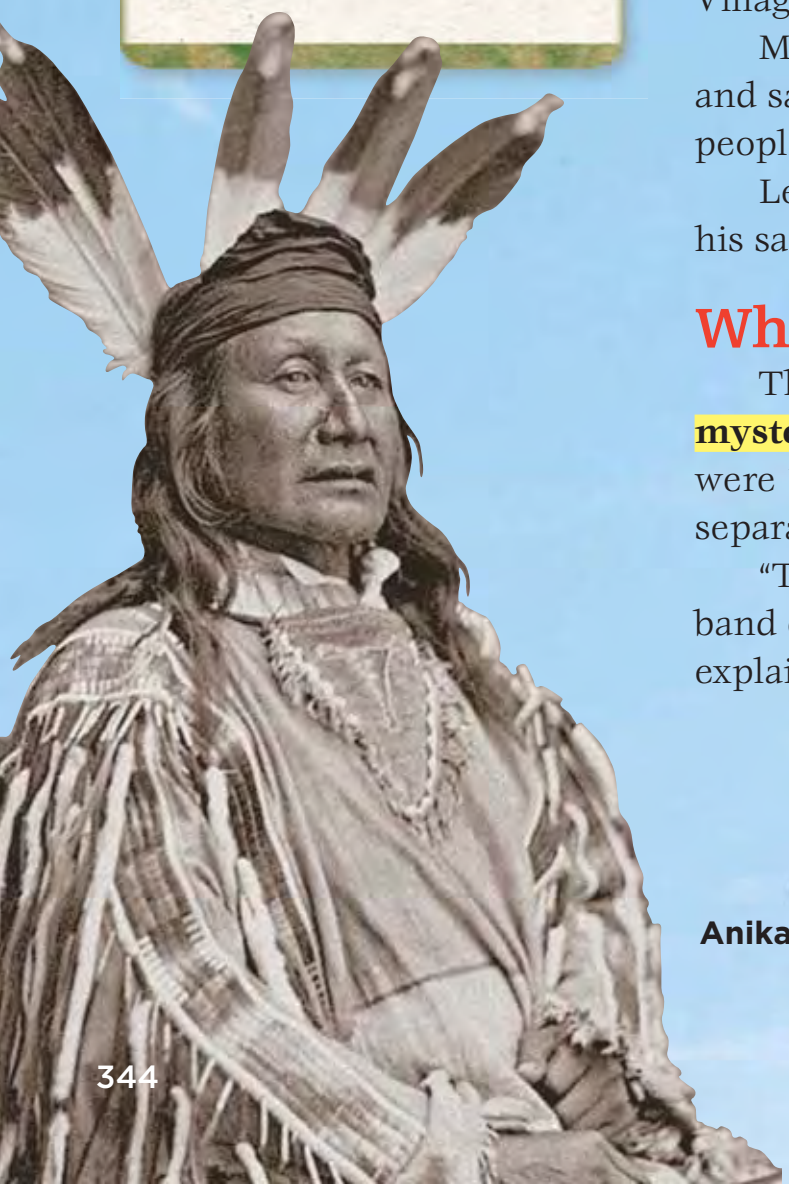
Mom gave Sam some bandage strips and said, "You'll enjoy learning about the people of the Pawnee nation."

Letting out a big sigh, Sam **loosened** his sandal straps and trudged out to the car.

Who Were the Pawnee?

The origins of the Pawnee tribe are **mysterious**. In the early 1800s, there were 10,000–30,000 Pawnee living in four separate bands.

"This museum is located where one band of Pawnee settled back in 1820," explained Mom.



Anikarus Rushing of the Pawnee tribe

"We're standing exactly where the Pawnee lived!" exclaimed Kim in **amazement**.

"That's right," said Dad. "Here's part of the original floor," he said, pointing. "You can see some burned timbers from the fire that destroyed the village."

What Was Life Like?

Sam had to admit that being in the **midst** of all that history was exciting. "What was it like to live back then?" he wondered aloud.

A museum guide spoke up. "It happens to be my **responsibility** to tell you just that. The Pawnee hunted mostly buffalo and used every part of the animals they killed for food or clothing. They let nothing go to waste."

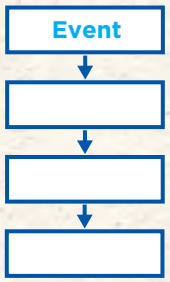
"Clothing?" said Kim. "Buffalo aren't shaped like any clothing I've ever seen."

Everyone chuckled. "They'd sew a **patchwork** of pieces into warm winter robes and pants," explained the guide.

A battle between the Pawnees and the Konzas painted on a bison hide

Reread for Comprehension

Summarize

Sequence When you summarize a story, include the most important events in sequence. Sequence is the order in which events in a story take place.

A Sequence Chart can help you summarize a selection. Reread the selection to find the sequence of events. Then write a summary.