# Digging Into the Past: Creek and Cherokee Indians

**Unit Title:** Digging into the Past: Creek and Cherokee Indians

**Content Area:** Social Studies **Duration of Unit:** 4-6 weeks

**Grade Level:** Second Grade

**Designed By:** The Museum School Second Grade Team

### **Unit Overview:**

Second graders will dig into the past and discover the life of Georgia's earliest people. In this unit, second graders will develop a deep understanding of the Creek and Cherokee Indians. They will also explore the various tools, clothing, shelters and accomplishments of the Creek and Cherokee. In this *Digging into the Past: Creek and Cherokee* trunk, you will explore wonderful artifacts that will make this unit come to life. Sit back and relax and explore the wondrous life of Georgia's earliest people.

### **Georgia Performance Standards Addressed:**

SS2H1: The student will read about and describe the lives of historical figures in Georgia history.

a. Identify the contributions made by these historical figures: James Oglethorpe, Tomochichi, Mary Musgrove (founding Georgia); Sequoyah (development of a Cherokee alphabet).

SS2H2: The student will describe the Georgia Creek and Cherokee cultures of the past in terms of tools, clothing, homes, ways of making a living and accomplishments.

- a. Describe the regions of Georgia where the Creek and Cherokee lived and how the people used their local resources.
- b. Compare and contrast the Georgia Creek and Cherokee cultures of the past Georgians today.

## **Unit Essential Questions:**

Who were the Creek and Cherokee Indians?

- Where in Georgia did the Cherokee live?
- Where in Georgia did the Creek live?

Creek and Cherokee Food, Shelter, Clothing and Shelter

• How did the Cherokee and Creel depend on nature to meet their basic needs?

- How did the Creek and Cherokee get resources that were not available in the region(s) where they lived?
- How did the Cherokee and Creek adapt to their environment?

## **Historical Figures**

- Who was Sequoyah?
- How did Seguoyah influence the Cherokee way of life?
- How did Seguoyah's accomplishments affect the entire Cherokee Nation?
- How is your life the same as Sequoyah's life?
- What kinds of things are different in your life than what Sequoyah might have experienced?
- Who was Mary Musgrove?
- Who was Tomochichi?
- Who was James Ogethorpe?

#### Creek and Cherokee Modern Marketplace

- What are ways in which goods and services are given out?
- How did bartering/trading help Europeans colonist get the goods and services they wanted/needed?
- How did bartering/trading help the Creek and Cherokee get the goods and services they wanted/needed?

Week	Theme	Literature/Tech.	Materials/Products	Description
Week 1	Who Were the Creek and Cherokee	Literature:  If You Lived with the  Cherokee by Peter and	Materials: -Creek Photographs	-Administer the pre-assessment for this unitIntroduce this section by having the students complete a KWL Chart about
	Indians?	Connie Roop, Cherokee History and Culture, Grandmother Spider Brings the Sun  Technology: -Creek and Cherokee PowerPoint	-Cherokee Photographs -Maps of Georgia -Blank Map of Georgia -Copy of the Creek and Cherokee Reader's Theatre Products: -Pre-Assessment -KWL Chart -Creek and Cherokee Map -Venn Diagram	the Creek/Cherokee IndiansShow the map of Georgia and point out the regions where the Creek and Cherokee Indians livedThe students will create a map depicting the regions in which the Creek and Cherokee resided in GeorgiaRead enclosed literature on the Creek and Cherokee IndiansAssign parts for the Creek and Cherokee Reader's Theatre.  Assessment: The students will create a Venn Diagram comparing and contrasting the Creek and Cherokee Indians.  Field Experience Idea: Chieftains Museum chieftainsmuseum.org
Week 2	Exploring Creek/Cherokee Hunting, Clothing, Food, Shelter and Tools	Literature: Corn is Maize, Jingle Dancer, The Great Ball Game by Joseph Bruchac, The First Women in the Strawberry by Gloria Dominic  Technology:  Video: Hunting www.forsythcountys chools.org/its/mpayn e/cherokeeandcreek/ iroq-Hunting.asf  Video: Clothing www.forsythcountys chools.org/its/mpayn e/cherokeeandcreek/ Making Traditional	Materials: -Deer Skin -Jingles -Creek/Cherokee -Clothing -Drum -Stickball -Lacrosse -Crops (corn, beans, cotton, etc.) -Gourd -Bow and Arrow -Blow Gun -Arrow heads -Pottery  Products: -Digging in the Past Fashion Show	-Introduce the various food, shelter, clothing and tools that the Creek and Cherokee Indians usedShow the various artifacts that Creek and Cherokee Indians usedRead the various literatures that is included in this trunkShow the video clips of native American hunting, clothing, food, shelter and tools.  Assessment: The students will create clothing or a tool based off of what they have learned about the Creek and Cherokee Indian culture. The students will "show-off" their items with a <i>Digging in the Past</i> Fashion Show.  Field Experience Idea: The Atlanta History Center

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Week 3	Important Figures	Literature:	Materials:	- Introduce Sequoyah and Mary Musgrove.
	Part I:	Sequoyah by Laura	-Mary Musgrove	- Watch video of Mary Musgrove
	Mary Musgrove and	Waxman, Your Name in	Photo	- Create an anchor chart of the things Mary might have traded (corn,
	Sequoyah	Cherokee, Cherokee	-Sequoyah Photo	cotton, beans, etc.), and the things we trade today (money, materials,
		ABC		etc.).
		Technology:	Products:	- Watch video of Sequoyah, and read the Sequoyah books.
		Video: Mary Musgrove	-Biography Cube	- Create class anchor chart of Sequoyah's important achievements.
				- Have kids act out the scene between the Cherokee Council, Sequoyah and
		http://www.gpb.org/		his daughter to understand how revolutionary this was.
		georgiastories/storie		- Have them imagine they were Cherokee and write a newsflash article
		s/mary_musgrove		explaining they have an alphabet and can write down information! Within

		Video: Sequoyah  http://www.gpb.org/ georgiastories/storie s/Sequoyah  http://www.georgiah istory.com/container s/887		the article have them explain how important this was.  - Have students partner up and "interview" Sequoyah and Mary Musgrove  Assessment:  The students will create a biography cube of Sequoyah or Mary Musgrove.
Week 4	Important Figures Part II: Tomochichi and James Oglethorpe	Literature: Tomochichi and James Oglethorpe trade books.  Technology: Video: Daily Life in Georgia  http://www.gpb.org/ georgiastories/storie s/daily_life_in_georgi a  Videos: Georgia Colony Founded  http://www.todaying eorgiahistory.org/con tent/georgia-colony- founded  http://www.georgiah istory.com/assets/00 00/0001/peter_gord onmap.JPG – Settling in Savannah	Materials: -Tomochichi Photo -James Oglethorpe Photo -Settling in Savannah Photo -Newspaper Template  Products: - Packing List - Descriptive Writing: Founding of Georgia (using painting) - Tomochichi and James Oglethorpe Times -News Editor Presentations	- Activate schema with kids filling in their picture charts of who they think Tomochici and James Oglethorpe are Ask them to travel back in time to a time when Georgia was first founded - Watch the video about daily life in Georgia. Show them the picture of Savannah being planned. Ask students to describe what they see, then imagine themselves having come over on the ship. Use descriptive writing to explain what you see, hear, feel, think, etc. OR Have them make themselves a packing list for colonial Georgia Explain you to the students that Tomochichi and James Oglethorpe are two about two of the founders of GeorgiaThe students will need to make or bring in costumes for their news editor presentation.  Assessment: The students will pretend they are a newspaper editor living during the times of Tomochichi and James Oglethorpe. They will create a newspaper article about various events that transpired during this time. The students will dress up in attire from Tomochichi and Oglethorpe times and present their articles.  Field Experience Idea: State Capital Building

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Week 5	Mary Musgrove Trading Post and		Materials: -Items that	-Break students into two groups. One group will represent the Mary Musgrove Trading Post (Past Marketplace) and the other group with
	Modern Marketplace		Represent the Past Creek/Cherokee	represent the Modern Market Place. Allow students to brainstorm ideas and items that they would like to have in their market.
			Market Place (corn, beans, cotton,	-Have the students to bring in things they want to "trade" and provide them with both money for the "modern" marketplace and items for the
			squash, pumpkins,	Mary Musgrove trading post.
			etc.)	-Allow students to work this week on planning and setting up their market.
			-Items that	-Invite several classes to view the interactive Past and Present Marketplace.
			Represent Georgia's Modern Marketplace	Marketpiace.
			(cash register,	-Present the Creek and Cherokee Reader's Theatre.
			reusable shopping	
			bags, canned goods,	
			currency, etc.)	Assessment:
			Product:	-Unit Post-Assessment
			-Interactive Past and	Field Experience Idea:
			Present Market place	Stone Mountain Park Indian Festival & Pow Wow

	-Post-Assessment	