Using the Paragraph Diagram to Write a Five Paragraph Essay with Fourth Graders

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My Snowy Winter Weekend

* Shovel Snow
  + Two feet deep
  + Heavy and hard to lift
  + Three hours to clear the driveway
  + Got paid 20 dollars
* Build a snowman
  + Made him 6 feet tall
  + Carrot eyes and a hat
  + Scarf around neck
  + Buttons made out of pretty rocks
  + Broomstick in his hand
* Built a snow fort
  + Big blocks of snow
  + Five feet tall
  + Made spot to store snowballs
  + Good place to hide during snowball fight

17 sentences

The Kwakiutls of the Northwest

The Native Americans of the Northwest lived on a narrow strip of land along the Pacific Coast. There was plenty of wildlife in the area. Fish, especially salmon, filled the streams. They hunted the deer, elk, mountain goats, and wolves that lived in the forest.

The Kwakiutls used wood from the forest to build houses. They built huge wooden structures that served as homes for several families. Outside each home they placed totem poles. On these poles, they carved figures of animals, humans, and spirits.

Clothes made from cedar bark protected Kwakiutls from the wet climate. Women wove the bark’s soft inner core into warm waterproof coats and hats.

The Sioux of the Great Plains

The Sioux lived on the Great Plains which stretched from the Rocky Mountains to the Mississippi River and from Canada to Texas. Many animals lived there, including antelope, deer, and bear. However, for the Sioux, the most important animal was the buffalo. Buffalo meat provided the Sioux with food.

They used the hides of the buffalo the make their homes, called tepees. To build a tepee, women sewed the hides together. Then they built a cone out of long poles and covered it with hides.

In addition, the Sioux used buffalo hides to make clothing. They learned to place the fur side next to the skin to keep them warm in the winter.

The Hopis of the Southwest

The Hopi lived the in Southwest which stretched from the southwestern United States to northern Mexico. This area receives little rainfall and very few plants can grow here. The Hopi were farmers and raised corn, beans, and squash.

The Hopi made houses out of adobe, a kind of clay that hardens like cement. These homes were called pueblos and were often four or five levels high. People moved from one level to another with ladders.

Hopi women made clothing out of the cotton they grew. They used plants to make dyes in many colors. They also embroidered designs on their clothing

Native Americans

Topic Sentence

There were three groups of Native Americans that each had a very different way of life.

**The first group was the Kwakiutls who lived in the Northwest.** They hunted and fished for their food. Their houses were made out of wood with totem poles in front. They made their clothes out of cedar bark.

Detail #1

**Another group was the Sioux who lived on the Great Plains.** The Sioux hunted the buffalo to provide food. They also used the buffalo hides to make their homes called tepees. They even used the buffalo hides to make warm clothing.

Detail #2

**Finally, the Hopi lived in the Southwest.** They were farmers and grew corn, beans, and squash. Their houses were called adobes and were made from mud. They grew cotton and made it into clothing.

Detail #3

In conclusion, the Kwakiutls, Sioux, and Hopi all had different ways of finding food, clothing, and shelter

Clincher Sentence