



THE OSAGE: CHANGING SEASONS

The Osage people adapted to many changing environments and climates. Like other groups, they had to change what they ate, how they dressed, and where they lived based on the changing seasons.

Read the following descriptions of Osage life in different seasons. Then, on the “Props” page, cut out the images provided. Use clues from the descriptions to glue the “Props” images to the proper seasonal backdrop. Write a short description at the bottom of the seasonal backdrops describing Osage life during that season.

SUMMER

Osage men and women lived in **round lodges** for most of the year.

Spring rains brought **plants** like corn, beans, and squash back to life, giving the Osage people a chance to eat fresh vegetables and meat. The Osage men also hunted buffalo and **deer** during the summer.

When it was hot, the Osage people wore clothes made from **deerskin**.

The deerskin was much cooler than buffalo robes but still protected them from the **sun**.

WINTER

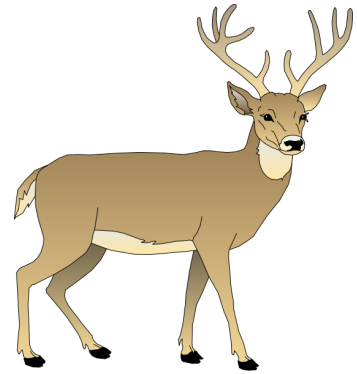
During the cold winter months, the Osage people relied on the work they had done in the summer to live. They ate dried meat and plants but also needed to hunt **buffalo**. During these long hunts, the men would live in **tipis** because they were easier to move.

The Osage people wore clothes made from deerskin, but they also wore **buffalo robes** to protect themselves from the **snow** and the wind.

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Seasonal “Props”

Cut out the “props” on this page and adhere them to the proper seasonal backdrop.



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CHANGING SEASONS: SUMMER

