

The Cherokee of GA Fall Pow Wow Lesson 2

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“Poppa, we’ve been learning about Pow Wow’s and I want to see one!” Alle wailed. “We are going to see one but first you have to figure out where one is so that we can go there.”

Poppa smiled. “That sounds a lot like ‘schoolwork’ but okay.” Adi agreed.

“RJ, come help your sisters with their lesson, I have to attend a sleigh pulling meeting.”

Poppa said. “Coming Poppa!” RJ called.

RJ looked at the location and said “This should be fun! I have wanted to go for a looong time!”



“Girls, let’s get going!” RJ exclaimed.

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2. Type in the latitude 30.5194106 and the longitude -82.0505784 then click get address and tell me what it is.

“Got it” the girls yelled.



Poppa returned from his meeting just in time. “Let’s go everyone!” Mama, Poppa, RJ, Adi and Alle all headed to the Cherokee of Georgia Fall Pow Wow.



“Look at all the people!” RJ mused. “Some of them are dressed strangely.” Adi stated. “They are the dancers for the circle.” Momma said. “Why do they dance in the circle?” Alle asked. “That is how they pray and talk to God.” Mama replied. “I am glad you told me that mom ‘cause I was scared, ‘cause the drums are loud.” Adi admitted.



“Let’s check out the museum.” Poppa said. “I like museums. Girls remember not to touch anything!”

“Wow, girls look at all the masks of the seven clans!” “RJ, you like weird stuff” Alle mused.



Mama chimed in “I like the outfits and paintings.” “Me too, I wish I could paint like that!” Adi grinned.

“Well, I learned a lot in the museum, and I am getting hungry, who else would like some fry bread?” Poppa asked. “Me!” the whole group responded.



“Who knows why they serve fry bread at the Pow Wow?” Momma asked. “I don’t know but it’s good!” RJ declared. “When the Cherokee were in a very hard place and they had no food, they ground up acorns, made some flour and fried it up.” Momma said. “Acorns?” Alle asked, “That doesn’t sound good.” “It wasn’t, but it was all they had.” Poppa looked a little sad and continued “Today the fry bread is a symbol of resilience and family traditions. Each person’s fry bread recipe has been passed down through their families for generations. You might say it represents heartbreak to triumph.”

Alle looked down and said, “That is sad, but I am glad the tribe is doing well now.”

“Let’s go see what’s going on in the dance circle.”

Follow up questions:

1. How many clans are there in the Cherokee tribe? _____

2. How was fry bread originally made? _____
3. What is the purpose of the dancing? _____

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