



# LESSON PLAN: A Child's World

<p><b>MD Social Studies VSC Standards - 4<sup>th</sup> grade</b></p>	<p><b>Standard:</b> Peoples of the Nations and World  <b>Topic:</b> Elements of Culture  <b>Indicator:</b> Describe the various cultures of early societies in Maryland</p> <p><b>Standard:</b> History  <b>Topic:</b> Settlement and Beginnings of New Societies  <b>Indicator:</b> Describe Native American societies indigenous to Maryland</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b></p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare and describe the elements of culture of Native American societies concerning agriculture, hunting and other foodways.</li> <li>• Compare and describe the elements of culture including shelter, recreation, education, oral traditions, art, music, and language of Native American societies.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Grade Level:</b></p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b>Length of Lesson:</b></p>	<p>45 to 60 minutes</p>
<p><b>Overview:</b></p>	<p>This lesson will use reading comprehension, listening skills, and Venn diagrams to illustrate how Woodland Indians lived in Maryland 500 years ago. Comparisons between our lives today and how a Woodland Indian child lived will be determined and discussed.</p>
<p><b>Teacher Background:</b></p>	<p>When European explorers first came to the Americas, there were over 10 million people already living here, speaking over 500 different languages. Along the east coast of North America, immense forests of huge trees covered much of the land. The Native groups that lived here adapted a lifestyle that was oriented to these forests. These groups are collectively referred to as the Eastern Woodland Indians.</p> <p>Maryland's Woodland Indians share many cultural and social similarities to the groups living in surrounding states. The Powhatans, who lived in the Virginia tidewater coastal plain, were encountered by the English in 1607 when Jamestown was first settled. The writings of Captain John Smith and other early colonists provide us with a picture of Woodland Indian lifestyles at that time.</p> <p>The story of Pocahontas saving Captain John Smith has become a part of American mythology and nearly everyone recognizes her name. Pocahontas did actually exist, and was a daughter of Powhatan, the powerful chief that controlled most of eastern Virginia. Anthropologists and historians have provided a more accurate picture of who Pocahontas really was and how she would have lived. Her childhood lifestyle is representative of Woodland Indian culture and society in the Late Woodland time period.</p>
<p><b>Lesson Procedure:</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Briefly introduce Pocahontas to the class. Explain that she was a real girl who lived in Virginia 400 hundred years ago at the time that Europeans were first settling in the area. Explain that there are a lot of myths and</li> </ol>

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	<p>romantic stories that have developed over the years that are not necessarily true. For instance the Disney movie is a fantasy tale and not real.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Read aloud “Young Pocahontas in the Indian World” to the class.</li> <li>3. Either individually or in small groups have the students fill out the <b>A Child’s World</b> worksheet. This may also be done as a whole class and written on the blackboard.</li> <li>4. Bring the class back together and discuss the results. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the differences?</li> <li>• Are there any similarities?</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Ask the students “Would you have been able to live with Pocahontas? Could you survive without any modern convenience?”</li> </ol>
<b>Materials:</b>	<p><b>Book</b> - <i>Young Pocahontas in the Indian World</i> by Helen C. Rountree</p> <p><b>A Child’s World</b> worksheet</p>
<b>Related Resources:</b>	<p>Feest, Christian F. <i>The Powhatan Tribes</i>.</p> <p>Porter, Frank W., III <i>Indians in Maryland and Delaware: a Critical Bibliography</i>. The Newberry Library Center for the History of the American Indian Bibliographical Series. Indiana University Press, Bloomington. 1979.</p> <p>Rountree, Helen C. <i>The Powhatan Indians of Virginia: their Traditional Culture</i>. University of Oklahoma Press: the Civilization of the American Indian Series. 1990.</p> <p>Rountree, Helen C. and Thomas E. Davidson <i>Eastern Shore Indians of Virginia and Maryland</i>. University Press of Virginia, Charlottesville. 1997.</p>