

Legend of the Lady Slipper Internet Activity

based on the Ojibwe legend as told by Lise Lunge-Larsen and Marge Preus
<http://homepage.mac.com/cohora/ext/ladyslip.html>

Directions: Bookmark this web page. Use the links provided to find the answers to the questions. Use the bookmark to return to this page.

1. This is a legend of the Ojibwe people. Underline the continent where the Ojibwe people live.

South American North America Europe Asia

Underline the name of the continent on which you live.

Europe North America Africa Australia

2. During her walk, the girl must have been wishing for a fire. Write the Ojibwe word for fire.

3. Ojibwe children are born into a clan. There were 7 clans. The child was taught the special skills of their clan.

Which clan do you think the little girl belonged to? _____

If you could choose to belong to a clan, which would you choose? _____

Why? _____

4. Your class will be building a wigwam. Make a list of the materials will you need.

5. The northern lights appear in the night sky. What causes the northern lights?

I have never seen them. Have you ever seen the northern lights? _____

Offline Survey - How many of your classmates have seen them? _____

6. The PTO wants to donate some lady's slipper plants to your school. Read this page about where the plants can be grown. (Note the important facts about the plants' habitat.)

Can they live outside at your school? _____

Where should they be planted at your school so they can thrive? _____

7. The heroine crosses the frozen lake in the story. Was this wise or foolish? Explain

8. Andrea Arroyo illustrated the story. Where was she born? _____

Where does she live now? _____

9. In the story, the little girl goes for the plants needed to make a medicine. We make medicines from plants, too. How do people use the cranberry to help them be healthy?

Take the challenge!

The Birchbark House is a book about another Ojibwe girl named Omakayas. Here is an imaginary letter that Omakayas wrote. Pretend you are the little girl in the story. Write a letter to Omakayas telling her about the little girl's life and adventure.