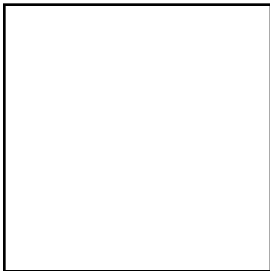


# The Lakota Winter Count

Use the following guide to help you collect information about [the Lakota Winter Count](#). Login in to [www.artsconnected.org](http://www.artsconnected.org) and sign in using the “without email” option. Begin by searching for “the winter count” in the art finder and select the **art collector sets** tab. or follow <http://www.artsconnected.org/resource/145392/the-lakota-winter-count>

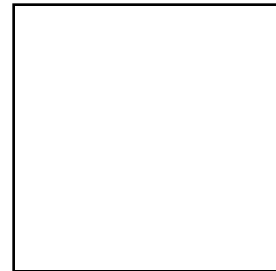
1. According to the information on the site. Who are the Lakota? *The Lakota are a tribe who...*
2. What is the general name given to the tribes that spanned from Minnesota to South Dakota? What are the Lakota more specifically known as? *The name give to the tribes that spanned from minnesota to South Dakota was...*
3. When the Lakota people were in Minnesota what did daily life look like? *For the early Lakota people daily life could be described as...*
4. What are three reasons the Lakota began to move west? *The three reasons the Lakota began to move west were...*
5. What happen to the Great Sioux Reservation? *The Sioux Reservation...*
6. When looking at a winter count what do each picture represent? *Each picture represents...*

7. The memorable event “the year the stars fell” was recorded on many Lakota winter counts in the year of 1833. Go to The **View winter counts** tab. Find two examples of the pictograms (picture writing) and make a **sketches** of them below. How are they different? Alike?



sketch 1

Similarities vs. Differences



sketch 2

8. Find this pictogram on the **Lone Dog winter count** and explain its significance.

9. Listen to **Lakota Comments Tab** of the event “the years the stars fell” by Wilber Flying By. Who was chosen to keep the winter count? Why is the count important for each family? *It..... is chosen to keep the winter count. The winter count is important to each family because...*

10. Where did Pepper Young’s grandmother Theresa Winter Lodge’s winter count end up after it disappeared? In the 1970’s? Today?

11. **Why do you think** is it so important to the Young Family to get the Theresa Winter Lodge’s count back? *I think that the reason it is important to the young family to get the count back because...*

After watching the video answer the following questions. (slide number 8)

12. Why would a winter count be important to our nations history? *Winter counts are important to our nations history, because...*

13. What do you call the person who keeps the count? *A person who keeps the count is called a ...*

14. Why is it difficult to interpret/read a winter count alone? What allows historians to read them with out a living Keeper? *A winter count is difficult to read alone because...*

15. List at least one misconception about native americans that the winter counts challenge? How? *One misconception that winter counts challenge is...*

16. What are the four key ideas I want you to know about winter counts? (list)

17. Pick a contemporary Lakota work from the presentation. Write down the title, date, media/materials used and artist name. **In well written paragraph** describe how the work is influenced formally (how it looks or is designed) by what we have seen in winter counts. How has the artist updated it or changed it? How do you think we should interpret the work? (use the back of this sheet) What is your opinion of the work?

