Native Americans in Western Virginia

Grade Level: Eighth Grade

Essential Question:

 Using supportive evidence, analyze the different groups of Native Americans in western Virginia in relation to their daily lives and cultures.

What do we want them to know?

* How Native Americans got here.
	+ Land Bridge, Etc.
* How and why the formed settlements.
	+ Transition from nomads to settlements.
* Identify and locate the 4 major groups.
	+ Mingo, Delaware, Cherokee, Shawnee
* Describe daily life within each of the 4 groups.
* Explain the theories that lead to the absence of many Native American groups from western Virginia.

Possible Projects:

* + Create a display that depicts daily life and culture. Students will present it to the class.
		- Each student will be responsible for completing a graphic organizer on the information presented by the other groups.
	+ Create a pamphlet or poster on one of the tribes.
	+ Students create a presentation using; power-point, Prezi, sway (office 365), google presentation (google school), on one of the tribes.

Resources:

* + WV Encyclopedia
		- <https://www.wvencyclopedia.org/assets/0002/4568/LessonplanIndians2.pdf>
	+ Smithsonian
		- <http://www.nmai.si.edu/>
	+ Ohio Historical Central
		- <http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/w/Delaware_Indians>
	+ Library of Congress (searchable by Tribe)
		- <https://www.loc.gov/>

Assessment:

* + Student Project with Rubric
	+ Completion of graphic organizer