

Lesson 5: Pioneer Settlement

Learning Goals

Students will understand that Iowa was inhabited by various Native American tribes prior to pioneer settlement.

Students will understand that early Iowa settlers had various national origins and many settled in cultural pockets retaining many of their cultural traditions; i.e., language, foods, clothing, religion, etc.

Students will recognize that not all early settlers came directly from Europe; many settlers came from eastern states.

Iowa History Benchmarks:

8. Settlers from Many Lands

- a. All Iowans have ancestors who immigrated to Iowa from other parts of the United States or the world (although American Indians came a few thousand years before the rest.)
- b. People immigrated to Iowa for many reasons, including 'push-pull factors' and events related to World War I.
- c. Numerous ethnic settlements with unique customs and traditions were started in Iowa. Several festivals featuring the cultural traditions of these ethnic groups are held annually across the state.
- e. Today Iowa continues to be a home for immigrants from all over the world, including newcomers from Bosnia, the Sudan, and additional immigrants from Mexico.

Materials:

Transparency: Birthplaces of U.S. Born Residents 1870

A county map of Iowa for each student

Chart: Many Cultures of Iowa

Activities:

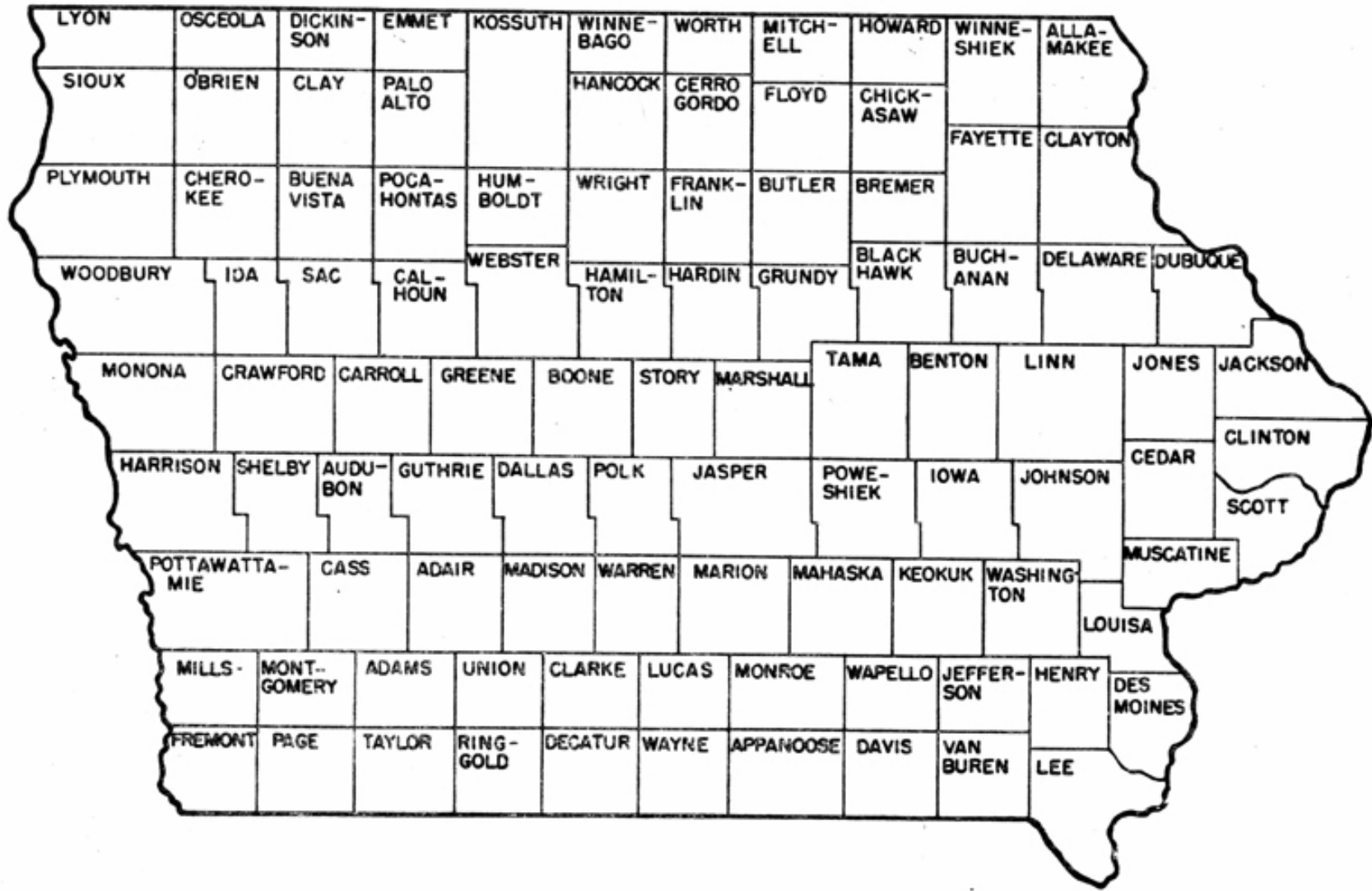
1. Introduce the lesson by asking students to identify the people who lived in Iowa prior to the pioneer settlers of the 19th century. Present the concept that prior to pioneer settlement of Iowa (1833 and after), the state was inhabited by various Native American tribes including but not limited to the following:
 - Ioway
 - Mesquakie
 - Missouri
 - Omaha
 - Oto
 - Potawatomi
 - Sauk
 - Sioux
 - Winnebago
2. Prior to 1833, there were soldiers, trappers and miners who lived in Iowa but legal pioneer settlement did not begin until 1833.

3. Display the transparency of "Birthplaces of U.S. Born Residents." Ask students to interpret the data on the chart. Using a calculator, have students identify the number of foreign born and native born Iowa residents for 1870.

Iowa state population 1,194,020
Native born population - 989,328
Foreign born population - 204,692

4. As the data indicates, most Iowa settlers were born in the United States, not Europe. But, many who came from the east carried with them European cultural traditions. In addition, those who came from Europe settled in cultural pockets retaining their cultural traditions and attracting other settlers of similar cultural extraction.
5. Cultural groups not associated with Europe also settled in Iowa. The Mesquakie tribe bought land near Tama. Many African Americans migrated to Iowa following the Civil War and during the first half of the 20th century. More recent immigrants have arrived from Southeast Asia, eastern Europe, and Central and South America.
6. Conclude the lesson by distributing to each student a copy of the county map of Iowa and the chart: Many Cultures of Iowa. Have students create a symbol for each of the TRADITIONAL IMMIGRANT GROUPS found on the chart. Then have students place symbols in the appropriate locations on the county map.
7. For the MORE RECENT IMMIGRANT GROUPS, have students search the Internet for Iowa sources and locations. Key search terms: IOWA ROOTS and IOWA IMMIGRATION.

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Many Cultures of Iowa

This chart provides only sample locations for the settlement of each cultural/ethnic group. While communities developed with particular ethnic identities, most of these groups could be found in numerous locations throughout the state of Iowa.

CULTURAL/ETHNIC GROUP	TOWN	COUNTY
TRADITIONAL IMMIGRANT GROUPS		
German	Guttenburg Davenport	Clayton Scott
Norwegian	Decorah Story City	Winneshiek Story
Swedish		Montgomery Page
Danish	Cedar Falls Audubon	Black Hawk Audubon
British	LeMars Hawarden Sutherland	Plymouth Sioux O'Brien
Irish	Dubuque	Dubuque
Scotch	Traer	Tama Boone Keokuk
Welch		Mahaska
Czech	Cedar Rapids	Linn
African American	Spillville	Winneshiek
Mesquakie	Tama	Tama
MORE RECENT IMMIGRANT GROUPS		
Mexican Americans		
Hasidic Jews		
Bosnian		
Tai Dam		
Hmong		

**Birthplaces of United States Born Residents of Iowa
Census of 1870**

Total State Population-1,194,020		Native Born Population - 989,328	
Connecticut	5,185	New Hampshire	5,057
Illinois	65,391	New Jersey	5,688
Indiana	64,083	New York	79,143
Iowa	428,620	North Carolina	5,090
Kentucky	14,186	Ohio	126,285
Maine	5,943	Pennsylvania	73,435
Maryland	5,972	Tennessee	6,085
Massachusetts	8,929	Vermont	12,204
Michigan	8,918	Virginia/ W.Virginia	19,563
Minnesota	2,683	Wisconsin	24,309
Missouri	13,831	Other States	7,728
Source: Ninth Census of the United States, 1870			