

**ECHO Culture Trek
Grades 2-4**

Before the Basin (top floor)

1. Were there people living on the shores of Lake Champlain 22,000 years ago? What was here at that time?
2. Find the display across from the Beluga whale dig. When did people first arrive and settle in the Lake Champlain area?
3. Feel the tools at the “Early Tools” display. What are they made out of? What were these tools used for?
4. The early Native American people that lived near Lake Champlain sometimes traveled long distances to find the best rocks for tool making. Ramah chert from Ramah Bay is a type of rock that was prized. Find Vermont and Ramah Bay on the map labeled “Chipping away at a new history”. How do you think the Native Americans traveled from Vermont to Ramah Bay? Do you think it was an easy trip?

Land of Opportunity (top floor)

5. A recreational activity is something people do for fun. Name two recreational activities that people enjoy doing in the mountains of Vermont.
6. How much sap does it takes to make 1 gallon of maple syrup.
Sap needed to make 1 gallon of syrup _____

7. Find the wire cow and look at the map of the Lake Champlain Basin underneath it. An *industry* is a business in which people work to earn money. How many different industries are pictured on the map? What is the biggest industry (it is listed first in the key on the map)? Name three foods that come from Vermont's biggest industry.

Number of industries in the basin: _____

Biggest industry: _____

Three foods that come from this industry:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

8. Practice weaving a basket. Try different patterns. How were Abenaki baskets used? Name 3 uses.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Into the Lake

9. Listen to the video about Champ. Do you believe Champ exists? Have you ever seen Champ? Draw a picture of Champ on the bottom of this page.

I believe in Champ!

I don't believe in Champ.

I have seen Champ!

I haven't seen Champ.

My picture of Champ.



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ANSWERS

1. No people lived in the Lake Champlain Basin 22,000 years ago. At that time there were glaciers over a mile thick covering the land here.
2. The first people of the Lake Champlain Basin arrived around 12,000 years ago.
3. The early tools found in the display are made of stone and deer antler. The stone tool was used for things like felling trees, building boats and houses. The antler was used for putting finishing touches on stone tools like sharp edges.
4. It is believed that the Native Americans traveled by boat from the shores of the Champlain Sea to Ramah Bay. It was most surely a long and difficult trip.
5. Skiing, rock climbing and hiking (to name a few)
6. It takes 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of maple syrup. Maple syrup is delicious on many different foods like ice cream, pancakes, waffles, salmon or shaved ice!
7. There are 9 different industries in the Lake Champlain Basin. The biggest industry is the dairy industry. The dairy industry produces food like milk, cheese, yogurt, ice cream, whipped cream, cottage cheese and butter.
8. Abenaki baskets were used to cooking, storing goods, trade and fishing.
9. All answer and opinions are considered for discussion.