

The Plains Indians Children

Growing up in an Indian village is very different from the lives we know. The table below tells you what it's like to be a child in the **Sioux** tribe Indian village. How is your childhood **different**? How is your childhood the **same**? Complete the table.

| Sioux Child | My Childhood |
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| The Sioux Indians lived in large family groups. Young and old lived together. | I live with my.... |
| A child would call their aunts and uncles 'mother' and 'father' | |
| The Sioux married young –between 12 and 15 years old. | In our country people can marry legally |
| Sioux women usually gave birth to around 3 or 4 children. | Women today usually have Children I have brotherssisters. |
| Childbirth took place in the woman's own tepee. | Women usually give birth in a I was born in |
| Many women died in childbirth. | |
| A respected older woman or man of the tribe gave the children a name. | I was given my name..... |
| Children did not go to school. They learnt by copying adults. | |
| Girls played with deer skin dolls and toy tepees. Boys played with small bows and arrows. | |
| When the Sioux children were 13 they had learnt everything and became a member of the tribe. | |

EXTENSION – Using your knowledge of the tipi, women and children draw a picture of an Indian Village.