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## **Ojibwe Moons/Seasons**

**Objective:** The Ojibwe culture names the moons by the seasons and typically by the activities associated with the time of year. In participating in this assignment, students will gain a deeper understanding of their culture and how it ties into the natural world. In addition to recording traditional activities, students are asked to research climate conditions 100 years ago and compare the data with current climate conditions.

### **Materials:**

Computer with internet access  
Moon cycle template  
Posterboard  
Brass fastener  
Markers

### **Procedure:**

Before asking students to research the Ojibwe moons, we reviewed a presentation given by Dr. Sam Gon during the 2015 PETE Institute regarding Climate change and its effect on traditional Hawaiian harvesting activities.

As a class, we also reviewed the following websites to give students an idea of how to map the moons along with the seasons and traditional activities that occurred seasonally.

<http://www.ahamokuhawaii.org/hawaiian-moon-phases.html>

[http://www.hawaii.edu/coral/mooncalendar/?page\\_id=110](http://www.hawaii.edu/coral/mooncalendar/?page_id=110)

For Ojibwe names and traditional activities, students used the following websites and resources:

<http://ojibwe.net/projects/months-moons/>

[http://web.stcloudstate.edu/aslee/OJIBWEMAP/MoonsOjibwe6\\_5\\_13.pdf](http://web.stcloudstate.edu/aslee/OJIBWEMAP/MoonsOjibwe6_5_13.pdf)

<https://qiizis13.wordpress.com/about/>

Students were asked to complete the template of moons and activities and then work together to create a large “moon wheel” they would use to present the information to younger classes.

- In the future, this activity will be used to map climate change locally using indicators such as the timing of lake ice (on and off), snow during deer hunting season, and timing of sugar-bush camps (maple syrup collection).

**Moon Wheel Template:**

1. Add Ojibwe Moon name in outer circle
2. Add English translation in box beneath Ojibwe name
3. In the Triangular piece of pie, write in natural activities that occur during that period, the month it correlates to, and the average high and low temperature for the month

