

ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL
HISTORY CENTER

DOWNTOWN ORLANDO

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES
about the
FLORIDA SEMINOLES



**FUN
&
FREE**

Looking for Seminole Tribe of Florida themed Classroom Activities?

Here are four fun, hands-on activities that pair well with The History Center's Field Trips:

- **Seminole Storytelling Cube**

Analyze the following six images from [Florida Memory](#) with your students to make observations about Seminole food, clothing, culture, transportation, etc. Print and construct the cube from the following page. Have students roll the cube to write a Seminole story.

1. [Wrestling Alligators](#)
2. [Sewing Patchwork with a Sewing Machine](#)
3. [Seminole Indians with their Canoe](#)
4. [Billy Bowlegs Working his Cornfield](#)
5. [Seminoles Around a Fire](#)
6. [Tommy Tiger Giggling \(fishing with a spear\) from a Dugout Canoe](#)

- **Build a Seminole Chickee**

Use the Seminole Tribe's page on [Chickees](#) to learn about Chickee housing and to analyze images of Seminole Chickees. Using paper plates, or another flat construction surface, cut out and build a chickee with the attached page.

- **Construct a Turtle Shell Rattle**

Turtle shell rattles have been used by many different groups of Native Americans across the United States, including the Seminoles. These rattles were used for ceremonies and are valued as symbols of independence. Use the following pages to have your students decorate and assemble their own Turtle Shell Rattle.

- **Design a Seminole Doll**

Use the following sources to teach about the history, craft and importance of Seminole Dolls. Have students construct their own dolls from construction paper or classroom materials. Or have students design their own Seminole Doll clothing on the attached coloring page.



1. Seminole Tribe's page on [Seminole Dolls](#)
2. CPalms Approved Florida Memory Learning Unit: [Seminole Doll Making](#)
3. Florida Museum of Natural History's [Object 101: Seminole Dolls](#) Audio Clip

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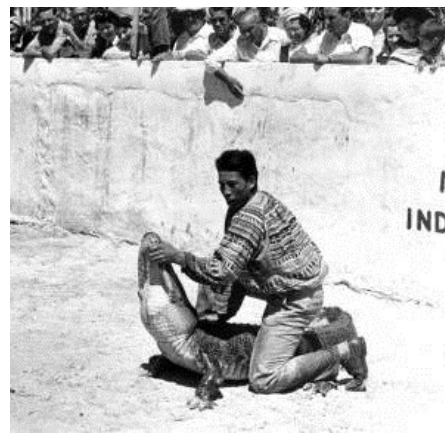
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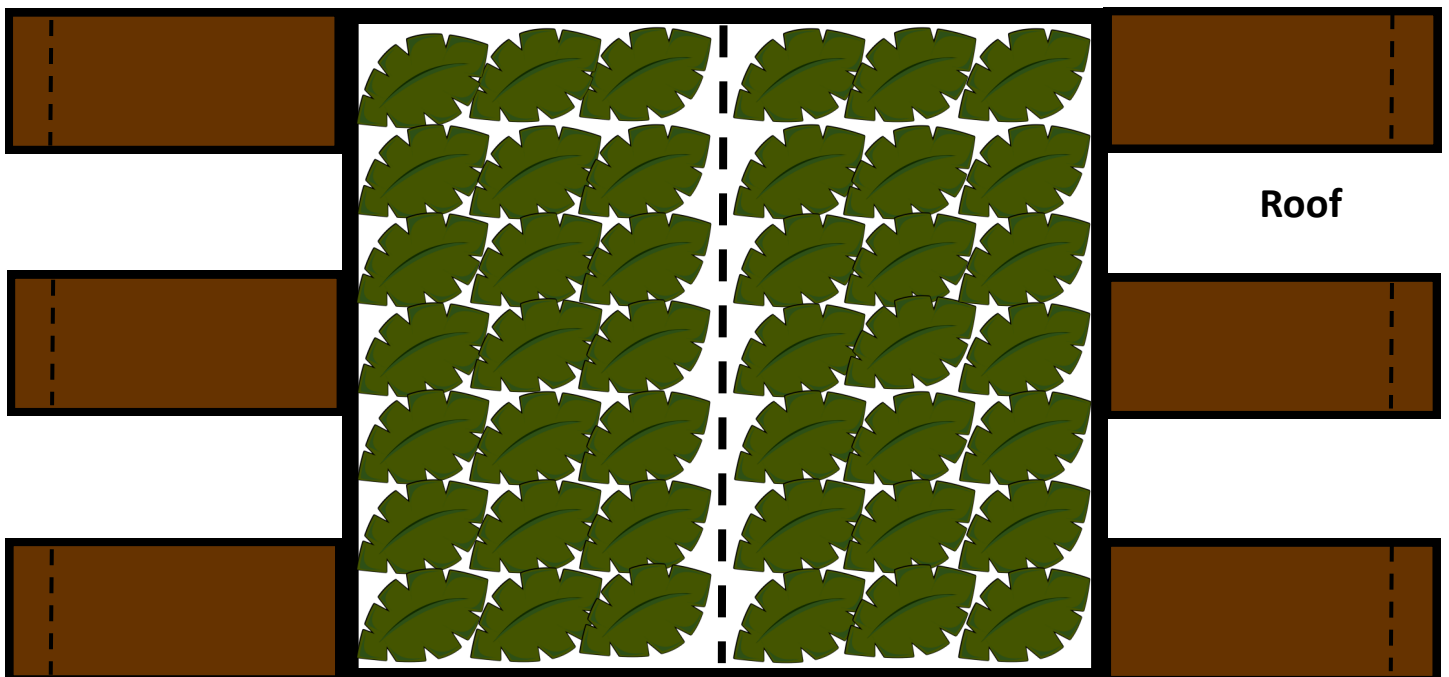
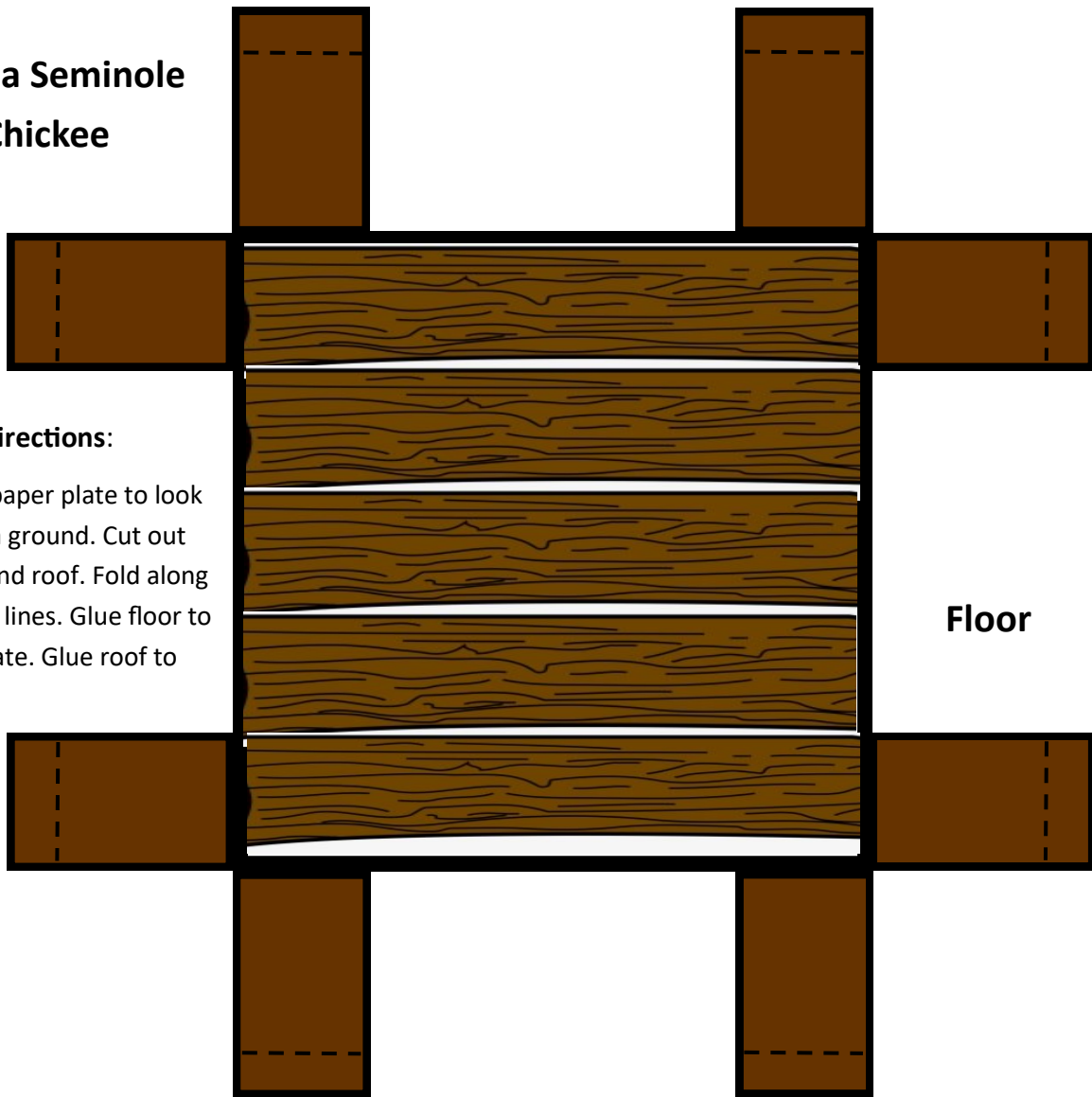
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Build a Seminole Chickee

Directions:

Decorate paper plate to look like Florida ground. Cut out the floor and roof. Fold along the dotted lines. Glue floor to a paper plate. Glue roof to the floor.



Seminole Turtle Shell Rattle Activity

Make a replica turtle-shell rattle of your own as a way to honor the Seminole people and culture.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Turtle-shell template on page 6, printed on cardstock*
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Stapler
- Tape
- Drinking straw
- Beads, dry beans or rice, or anything else that will rattle

**Don't have cardstock? Try printing the turtle-shell template on paper and pasting it to an old cereal box or other thin cardboard before cutting it out!*

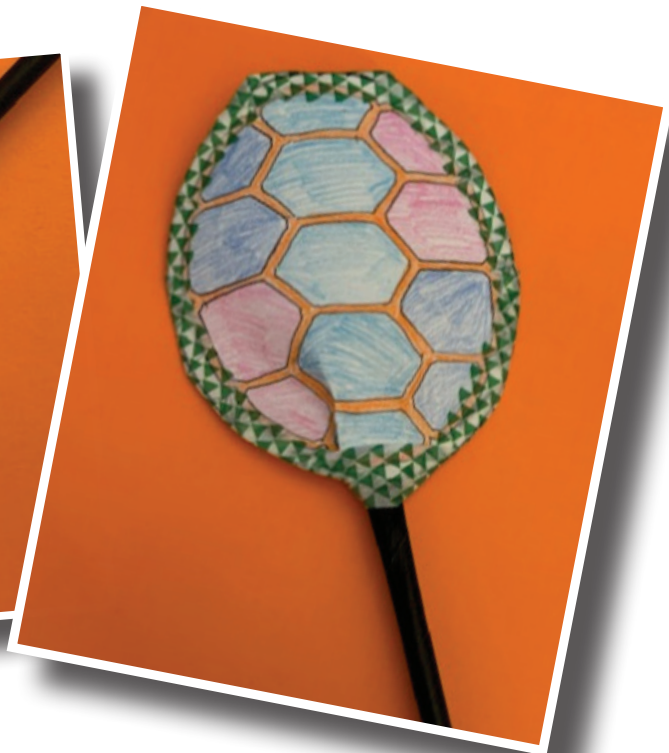
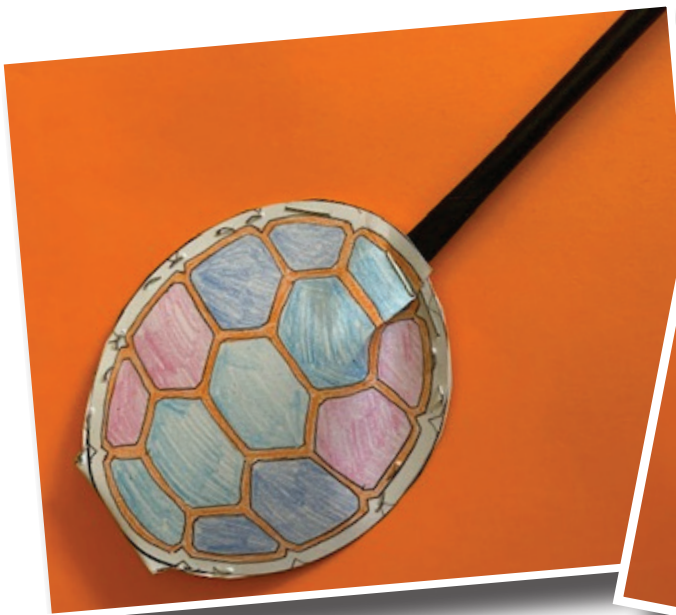


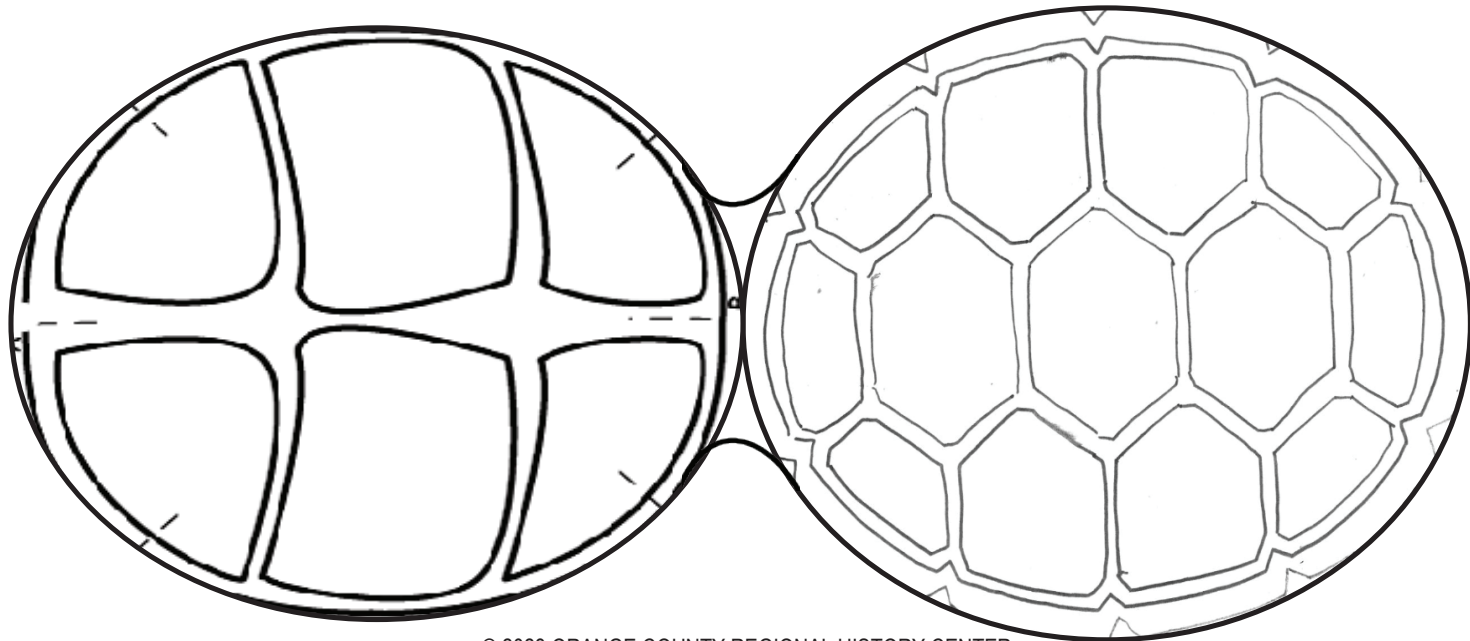
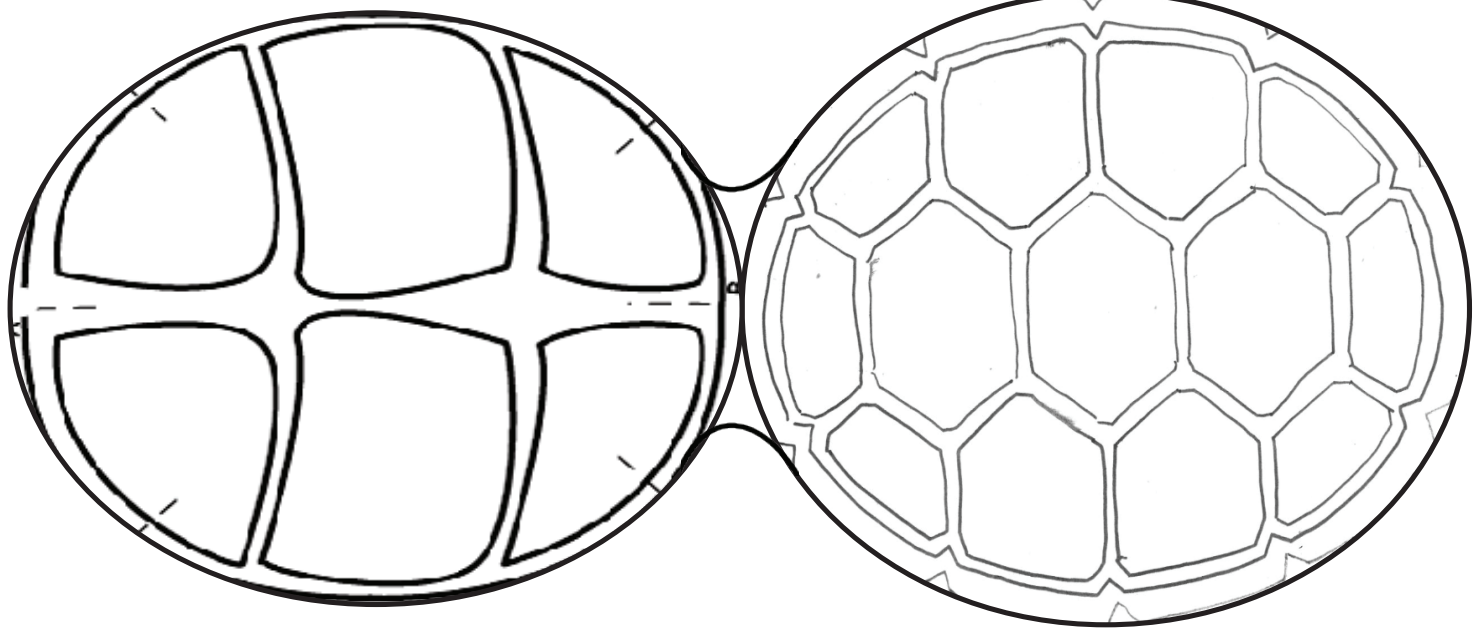
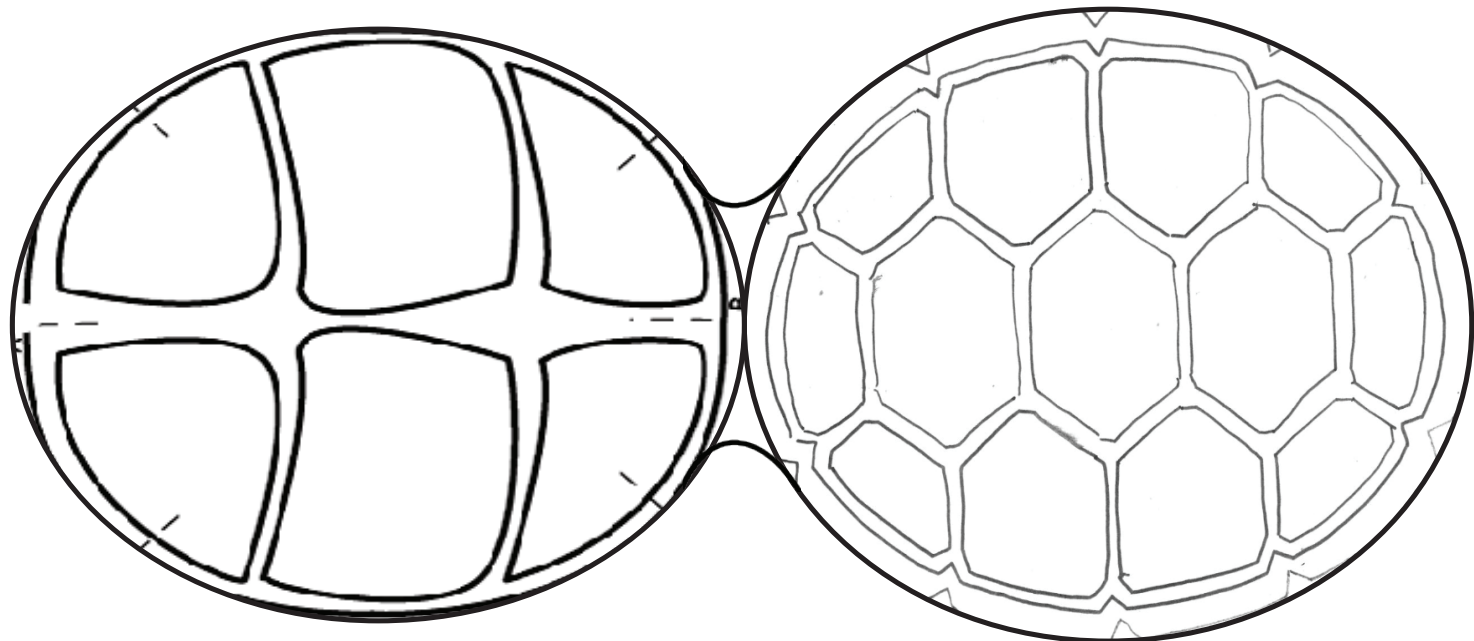
Seminole Turtle Shell Rattle Activity



WHAT TO DO:

- 1.) Cut out the turtle shell along the outside line.
- 2.) Decorate your turtle shell with bright colors.
- 3.) Staple both sides together, making sure to match the edges up to create some space inside. Leave the end open for now.
- 4.) Pour in some of your rattling material. (We used dry corn, but you can use anything small that will rattle around inside your shell.)
- 5.) Place the drinking straw in the opening and staple it to secure.
- 6.) Use some tape along the edges to make sure everything is well sealed. (We used colorful Washi tape to make our shell even more beautiful!)





Design Your Doll

Name _____

The colorful and patterned clothes worn by Seminole Dolls are modeled after traditional Seminole clothing.
Design your own colorful Seminole-inspired outfits for the dolls below.

