



Megafauna Management Plan Worksheet

Dream Walkers Tribe

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

Welcome to the Dream Walkers Tribe. Unlike other tribes, you have special gifts that connect you not only with the natural world at a spiritual level, but also the ability to use past memories with observations about the present to dream about and even foretell the future. Your dream-walking into the future is most vivid when you are camped near bone piles left by the Mammoth Eaters or the Predator Slayers tribes. You have even adopted an orphan ground sloth as your tribal symbol as it appears to pause and look far into the future of its actions before it rips down a shrub to eat the leaves.

Lately, your tribe has been dreaming of a landscape void of the great creatures your tribe has shared life and death with for centuries. You share some of the goals of the Mother Earth Clan in that you wish to live in relative balance with other species, both big and small. Your goal is to follow the modern wildlife conservation model (that's far into the future) supported by your historic observations and dreams about the future of continuing to kill and eat megafauna without restriction.

Your tribe will conduct online research and prepare their own Pleistocene megafauna management plan that supports your tribe's goals. When developing your tribe plan, consider the goals of the other tribes and how they conform or conflict with your tribal goals. In class Session 3, all of the tribes will present their plans then have a class debate on solutions to developing an overall Pleistocene megafauna management plan that best serves the interests of the various megafauna populations (both present and future) with consideration to humans and other ecological members.

Consider these points when developing your plan and debating in class:

- Your visions of the future come from you ability to decode the past, with clear "entire ecosystem" observations of the present to walk into the future. Other tribes lack that vision so you must speak on their behalf to help them survive. If their survival and yours depend on conservation of key species, you must convince them of what your dreams foretell.
- Some tribes wish to kill predators and prey megafauna without restriction. They do not comprehend the concept of extinction. You do. Consider researching "quotas", harvest limits, biological carrying capacity.
- Your dreams show what happens to ecosystems when the great predators are killed into extinction. Consider research into keystone species and the wolves in Yellowstone Park.
- Your dreams also show what will happen as expanding human populations displace many other species.

