



ROCK EAGLE 4-H CENTER

CANOEING

VOCABULARY

ROCK EAGLE'S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FIELD STUDY

Blade:	the broad flat part of the paddle
Bow:	the forward part of the boat
Grip:	the handle part of the paddle, which is gripped or held
Gunwale:	the upper edge of a canoe's side
Hull:	the main frame or body of the boat
Keel:	the main structural support of the boat that extends all the way down the boats center
PFD:	personal flotation device; a jacket worn to keep a person afloat in water
Port:	the left-hand side of a boat
Power face:	the part of the blade, that when pulled or pushed, propels or moves the boat
Rocker:	the degree of curvature of the boat, which determines the amount of movement the boat has. The shape of the boat from the bow to stern
Shaft:	round bar of the paddle, which supports the blade. Allowing for power and proper rotation
Starboard:	the right hand side of a boat
Stern:	the rear part of the boat
Throat:	the part of the paddle that connects the blade with the shaft
Thwart:	the structure supporting bars between the gunwales

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Canoeing PRE-POST TRIP ACTIVITIES

Practice Paddling

Materials: long sticks or broomsticks

Procedure: With broomsticks (or any long stick), practice the movement for certain strokes (especially the forward and backward stroke). This can even be done at their desks! Remember to remind your students to switch their hands on the grip. If they're paddling on their left side, then their right hand should be on the grip. If they're paddling on their right side, then their left hand should be on the grip. This can be the hardest concept for students!



Canoe & Paddle Match-Up

Students can learn canoe and paddle parts from the diagrams on the included canoe worksheet.

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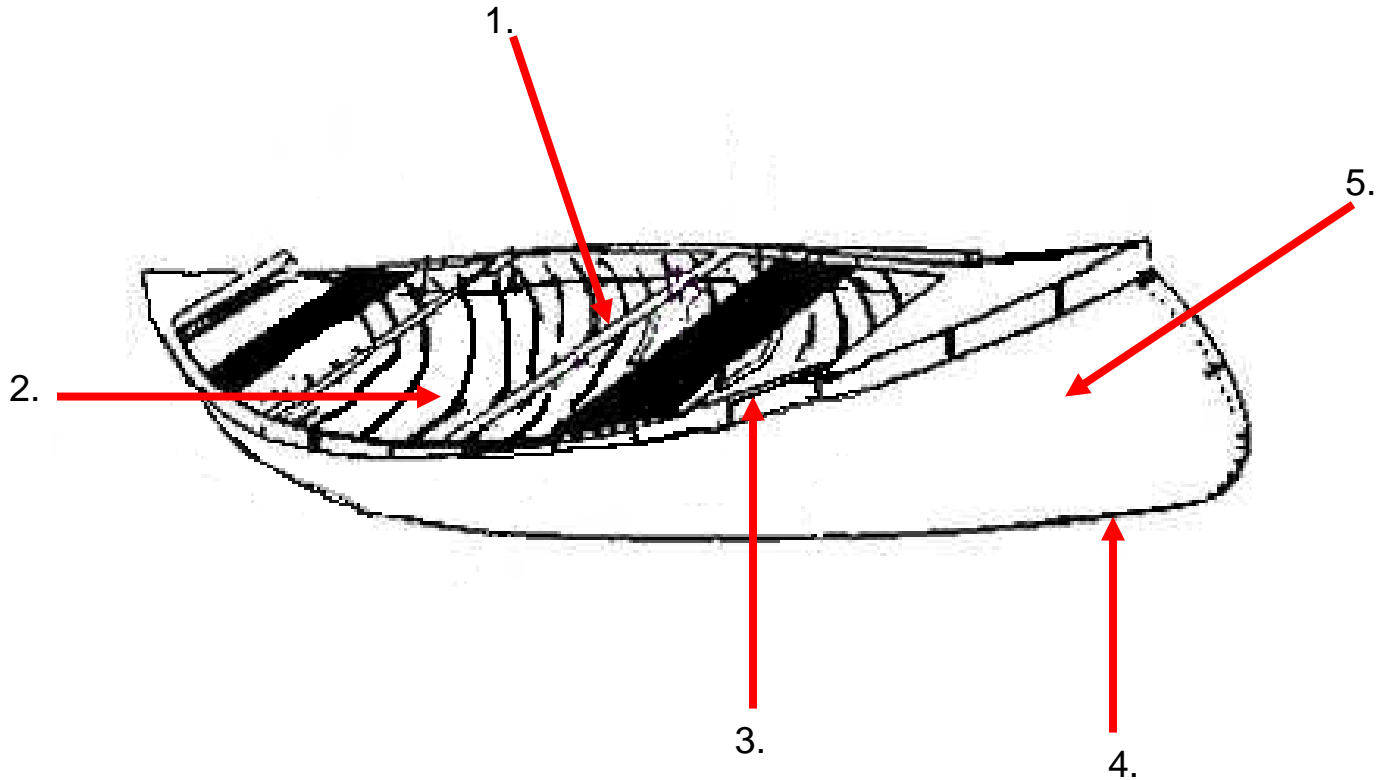
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Know Your Canoe

See if you are a canoe expert by labeling the canoe parts!



Front of canoe _____

Back of Canoe _____

Right side _____

Left side _____

1. _____

4. _____

2. Ribs _____

5. _____

3. _____

Answers: 1. Thwart, 2. Ribs, 3. Gunwales, 4. Keel, 5. Hull

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