

Lesson 7:

Synopsis Student Handout

Write a movie synopsis, create a storyboard and make a movie!

The Abbe Museum would like to provide our visitors with student created work that creatively supports the theme of our new exhibit—”Wabanaki People: A Story of Cultural Continuity.” We’d like you to write a movie synopsis, create a storyboard and make a movie! Then, send it to the Abbe Museum and, if selected, your work may be featured in our museum or on our website.

Writing a movie synopsis:

1. Select a Topic Statement or Question. You may develop your own topic statement or question, or choose from possible topics listed on the link below.
2. Using the On -Line Timeline of Wabanaki History and your 5 Timeline Worksheets, write a statement or question that reflects the idea that Wabanaki people have maintained cultural continuity while adapting to change over time.
3. Choose timeline entries that support this theme—Wabanaki people have maintained their cultural identity over time—AND your statement or question. You may need to do more research on the On-Line Timeline of Wabanaki History, as the five entries you have already chosen may not fit your topic.
4. Include at least one entry from the “A New Dawn” section of the timeline.
5. Write your topic statement or question at the top of a page. Follow with one paragraph about how each timeline entry supports your topic or answers your question. Each paragraph should also include an explanation of the Wabanaki core elements of culture (lifeways, sovereignty and/or homelands) that were promoted or threatened.