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**TRIPS**  
-K TO 5TH GRADE-  
EDUCATIONAL ITINERARIES

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**Nomadic Life**  
**Ute Indian Museum**

**Background:** The Ute Indian Museum focuses on the life, culture and history of the Ute people linking the past with the present. Located on the original 8.65-acre homestead of Ute leader, Chief Ouray, and his wife, Chipeta, the museum grounds include native plants, walking trails and Chipeta's grave.

The Ute were a nomadic people that hunted and harvested wild plants. Many of the exhibits feature daily life allowing visitors to experience Ute culture. One of the most popular exhibits that children are drawn to is the teepee. The Ute Museum exhibit explains the various parts of the teepee and the type of furnishings inside.

**Word Alert:**

**Nomad** - Someone who lives by traveling from place to place; Nomadic hunter-gatherers followed the animals that they hunted

**Questions to Ask:**

1. What types of things would you find in a teepee? Answers could include: *family belongings including furniture, decorations, cooking items, clothing*
2. What do you know about their culture based on the exhibit? Answers could include: *they lived in families, they made beaded jewelry, they hunted, they moved where the game and plants were.*

**Activity:** Complete the Venn diagram below comparing the Ute teepee to your home. A Venn diagram is a graphic organizer that shows similarities and differences between two or more things. In the outside circles write the differences and in the center where the circles intersect include what the two have in common.

# Venn Diagram

