

Rumah Adat Indonesia

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Rumah Adat Worksheet Activity

1. Which 3 ethnic groups of Indonesia are famous for their stilt houses and where are they located in Indonesia?
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)

Long Houses of the Dayak

2. Describe the Long Houses of the Dayak.
3. Why is the Dayak Longhouse so important ? What do people do here?
4. What has sacred significance in the Longhouse and why ?
5. How are the Longhouses often decorated ?

Houses of the Minangkabau:

1. Where do the Minangkabau live ?
2. What is distinctive about the Minangkabau traditional house?
3. What do the words 'Minang' and 'Kabau' mean?
4. What are their houses often called ?
5. Who lives in these houses?
6. Describe the three main areas of the Rumah Gadang:
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)

7. How does the Rumah Gadang represent a women's life cycle ? Explain

The House of the Batak

1. Where are the Batak located in Indonesia ?
2. What religions do the following ethnic groups of the Batak embrace?
 - Mandailing ethnic group
 - Angkola Batak
 - Toba Batak
 - Karo Batak
3. Why is the stilt houses of the Toba and Karo Bataks a practical form of architecture for the tropics?
4. What are **Sopo** ?

Anthropomorphic – ascribing human form to being or things not human (anthropo = man or human being) e.g. Yetis,

Zoomorphic – ascribing animal form or attributes to beings or things not animal; representing a deity in the form of an animal; representing or using animal forms.

5. What purpose do the ornaments put on external walls serve ?
6. Describe some of the colours and their representations used in Batak architecture?

Houses of Toraja

7. Where are Torajans located in Indonesia and what does their name mean ?
 - a)
 - b)
8. Describe their hierarchically structured society ? (hierarchy = any system of persons or things in a graded order)
9. What is a traditional Torajan house called ?
10. What are the distinctive features of their houses ?
11. Describe the three representations of the universe according to Toraja beliefs.