

Constructed Response Activity: “Dat-so-la-lee” 3rd Grade Passage
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First, Denise Boswell asked her students to read the following passage about a Washo woman named Dat-so-la-lee.

Dat-so-la-lee
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Over a century ago, a Washo woman (also spelled Washoe) wove her way into Nevada history. Dat-so-la-lee, whose Indian name is *Dabuda*, became famous for her fine willow baskets. In fact, *Dabuda* means young willow. And it was her way of using willow that made her baskets so beautiful.

Today her work is highly respected to both the people and museums that collect it. The small collection owned by the Nevada State Museum is kept under lock and key. Her baskets can only be seen when the museum offers a behind-the-scenes tour about once a month.

Dat-so-la-lee was born near Genoa. She washed clothes and cooked for miners during Nevada’s gold and silver rushes. She became a servant for the Cohn family who owned a store. But when they realized her talent for making baskets they gave her a home. That way so she could spend all her time making baskets. They took her to art and craft shows and sold the baskets.

She gathered the plants to make the baskets. She used willow and cut and dried the branches every fall. The next year she began weaving, using those materials. Her style is called three-rod coiling. It goes back 4000 years. Her baskets are cream colored and have red and black designs. Black comes from fern bracken roots buried in the mud. The red dye comes from redbud trees. The only tool she used was a piece of glass.

She is best-known for her *degikups*, or ‘day-gee-coops’. They look like urns with a top opening about the same size as the base. Since she could not read or write, her handprint became her signature. A bill of sale marked this way proved Dat-so-la-lee made it. Today she is known far and wide as one of the best Washo weavers. She is buried at the Stewart Indian Cemetery in Carson City.

Next, Denise showed her students the question they were supposed to answer. She and her students examined the question carefully, and determined that they were being asked to tell about why Dat-so-la-lee was so famous, and that they needed to make sure they had at least 2 examples that showed why she was famous. She then asked the students re-read the passage, using highlighters to mark the information they needed to answer the question.

Constructed Response Question:

Dat-so-la-lee wove her way into Nevada History. Explain why she is so famous. Use two examples from the text to support your answer.

Denise and her students created a rubric together that they could use when writing and scoring their Constructed Responses.

Class-Created Rubric:

3	Tells why Dat-so-la-lee was so famous. Used two examples from the text.
2	Tells why Dat-so-la-lee was so famous. Used one example or not all the facts are correct.
1	Doesn't tell why Dat-so-la-lee was so famous. Used some details from the text, but some are missing or wrong. Not all parts of the question are answered.
0	Not answered, off topic, no details for incorrect details.

Together, Denise and her students wrote a response that they felt would score a 3. They discussed why the response would score a 3, and then went back to the rubric to make sure it was accurate.

Dat-so-la-lee wove her way into Nevada History. She was famous for her woven willow baskets. An example is her use of the three-rod coiling style that is over 4000 years old. But, her degikups, urn baskets, is what she is best known for. Dat-so-la-lee is known far and wide as one of the best Washoe Weavers.

After the scaffolding and modeling, Denise let her students write their own responses.

Constructed Response Student Samples
Denise Boswell 5th Grade
“Dat-so-la-lee”

Why is Dat-so-la-lee so famous in Nevada? Dat-so-la-lee is famous because. She is famous for her basket making. In fact Dabuda (her Indian name) means young willow. She would put very amazing dizines on her baskets that are red and Blake. Today she is known as one of the Best Washoe Weavers that is why she is so famous.

She's famous for making Baskets she only Put tow colors on the Basket Black and Red she got the Red dye from the redbud Trees the Black dye comes from the fern bracken roots buried in the mud.

Dat-so-la-lee went down in Washoe Nevada history. Because she weaved baskets and sold them. Dat-so-la-lee weaved baskets using almost everything from outside. Like twigs and berries and a lot more. So that is why Dat-so-la-lee went down in Washoe Nevada history. That is why she is famous.

She is famous because she made some thing for Washoe Nevada history. My two example are for miners for during Nevada's gold and silver Rushes. My other example is Here style is called three-rod coiling it goes back 4000 years ago.

Dat-so-la-lee wove her way into Nevada history. She was famous for weaving baskets. Her baskets are at the Nevada State Museum. She was one of the best Washoe weavers who ever lived.

Dat-so-la-lee wove her way into Nevada state history. She became famous because of her fine willow baskets. It was her way of using willow that made her baskets so beautiful. Dat-so-la-lee is a famous person in Nevada history.

Washoe was popular for her fine willow baskets. This all took place in 4,000 years ago. She was also famous for her cooking. She cooked for the miners during the silver and gold rush. Washoe was buried in the Steward Indian cemetery in Carson.

Dat-so-la-lee wove her way into history. A family took her in because she made baskets. Dat-so-la-lee was born near Genoa. Dat-so-la-lee whose Indian name is Dabuda. Dat-so-la-lee is famous for her fine willow baskets. Dabuda means young willow. She did chores for miners during Nevada's gold and silver rush. A family took her in and gave her a home. Dat-so-la-lee was buried in Steward Indian Cemetery in Carson. They made a lot of money off those baskets she wove.

Debuda is famous. She is famous for making baskets. Dabuda makes willowed baskets. She made them with buried branches in the mud. She was also known for her designs. Debuda is an important part of Nevada History.

Dat-so-la-lee became very famous. Dat-so-la-lee became famous by her creamed, red and black willow baskets. Her baskets were collected by the NV museum you can only see them about once a month. Dat-so-la-lee was buried in the Carson City, NV cemetery.

Dat-so-la-lee was a very smart open lady. She is known for a lot of things, but the number one reason is because of her baskets. They are fine, and willow. Her art is very well taken care of in an art museum. Only once a month do people see her art. Dat-so-la-lee is buried in Carson City, Nevada.

Dat-so-la-lee has two ways that she is famous. Dat-so-la-lee became famous for willow baskets. She called her basket three-rod coiling. Her basket is cream colored and red and black designs. Dat-so-la-lee was famous for her baskets.

Dat-so-la-lee did weave herself into history. She did this by, doing her style of "three-rod coiling" Since it goes back 4,000 years! She is also known for day-gee-coops. A basket that turns with a top opening about the same size as the base. Dat-so-la-lee also wove her baskets into hearts of millions.

Dat-so-la-lee is very famous. She is very famous for weaving baskets. It was her talent. Plus it was made out of willow branches, and dye. Dat-so-la-lee is known far and wide for her basket weaving.

Dat-so-la-lee was a person famous. She sell cut dried every fall. It go back 4000 years every thing got bevet color. Known is the best Washo weavers.

Dat-so-la-lee is famous for all kinds of things. She is famous for making beautiful baskets. Best known for her degikups. She makes willow baskets. She was born in Genoa. Dat-so-la-lee is famous for making amazing willow baskets.

Dat-so-la-lee wove her way into Nevada history. Dat-so-la-lee became famous because her fine willow baskets so she make her baskets beautiful. Dat-so-la-lee wove her way into Nevada history.

She made willow baskets with a piece of glass and that's if she also life she wasn't some famous rich basket maker she was a slave a poor slave and she went through live like that

Dat-so-la-lee famous for different kinds of things. She is famous for making some beautiful baskets. She made willow baskets. Dat-so-la-lee was born in Genoa. Also was best known as degikups. Next she makes gorges willow baskets.

How was the way Dat-so-la-lee wove her way in Nevada history? She had become famous by making fine willow baskets. Also, some degikups. She made them and sold them outside of arts and crafts shows. That is how she had become famous and went into Nevada history.

Dat-so-la-lee was famous back in history. She was famous for making willow baskets. She would serve food for the miner in the gold and silver rush. Then she would serve a family who owned a store. That's what mostly she would do. In her free time she would make baskets.

Why is Dabuda so famous? Two examples show that she was famous for making baskets. Also great at cooking. Therefore making Dabuda famous.

How was the way Dat-so-la-lee wove her way into history She became famous for her work. She was making fine willow baskets. But also made degikups. She made them and sold them after craft shows. Dat-so-la-lee made her way into history by making beautiful and design baskets and sells them.

Dat-so-la-lee wove baskets that people liked so she became famous by making them and selling them.

Dat-so-la-lee is a famous person. Here are two examples of why she is famous. She made willow baskets. Also she is the best washoe weaver that is how Dat-so-la-lee is so famous.

Dabuda was very famous. Here are two things why she was famous. Dabuda made some famous willow baskets. She also was best-known for her degikups. Dabuda is a part of the Nevada History.

Explain why Dat-so-la-lee is so famous. Give two examples. Here are two examples why Dat-so-la-lee is famous. Dat-so-la-lee is famous because of her fine will baskets that she made. She also was known for her degikups. Tell me why Dat-so-la-lee is famous?

Dat-so-la-lee was famous in history she became famous for her fine willow baskets. She called her baskets the three coiling-rod. Her baskets are cream colored and have red and black designs. Dat-so-la-lee was famous for her willow baskets. Also because she would serve food for the miners.

Why is she so famous? She is famous because she was born near Genoa. Her style is called three-rod coiling. It goes back 4,000 years. She is very famous.

Dat-so-la-lee is really famous. She is famous for many things like making willow basket made of willow and dried branches. And now today her work is highly respected to both the people and museums collect it. Dat-so-la-lee is very famous for what she did.

Why was Dat-so-la-lee so famous? She was famous Because she made so fine willow baskets that were so beautiful. Today she is known far and wide as one of the best Washoe Weavers.