## The Importance of the Bison (Buffalo) Worksheet

To honour the life of the bison (also known as buffalo) and live in balance with nature, Indigenous Nations on the prairies used every part of the animal.



Wasting part of the bison meant you were not showing the animal the respect it deserved.

Below are some ways parts of the bison were used other than for food.

Write the number (1-5) of the bison part (column 1) beside what it is used for (column 2) and how this could be helpful (column 3).

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Bison Body Part	Can be used for	How this is helpful
1. Fat	Clothing and shelter	Sharp objects can help protect and pierce
2. Hide (skin)	Needles and knives	Making things stick together
3. Tail	Glue	Helps to keep warm during cold weather
4. Bones	Soap	Can flick this to keep pests away
5. Hooves (feet)	Fly swatter, whip	Keep clean

Write 1-2 s	entences	s about ways bise	on can be used.	
Example B	ison fur ca	an be used to mak	e coats that keep	people warm in cold winter weather.

