

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).

1	2	3
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 sentences about ways bison can be used.

Example Bison fur can be used to make coats that keep people warm in cold winter weather.
