

INDIANA

The mice are travelling west again! They have made it to Indiana, home of the Hoosiers. “Hoosiers”? What does that mean? It is the demonym for the residents of that state. “Donym”? What does that mean?? It’s from Greek: “demo” = people and “nym” = name. The mice love complicated explanations. Help them create a wonderful story about how people in Indiana first came to be called Hoosiers. Include imaginary props!

Challenge: Come up with an explanation for the origin of the name “Hoosiers” for people in Indiana.

Time: Part One: You have 3 minutes to invent a story and prepare a skit with imaginary props that describes the origin of the name Hoosier in Indiana.

Part Two: You will have 2 minutes to present your solution to the appraisers.

Materials: a pencil and a piece of paper (for planning your solution only)

Scoring: up to 20 points for the innovation of the origin of “Hoosier”
up to 30 points for the realistic use of the imaginary props
up to 30 points for the integration of the presentation
up to 20 points for positive team work

The mice actually have a Hoosier friend, Marie-Rose G. in Batesville. How’s your team doing?