

Bookfolio for **Time of the Bison**

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Story Summary: Scar Boy, a cave dweller, must find his deep-inside name, a name that will suit him perfectly. "But as much as he wanted a name, he wanted to know the secret of the carved bison." The bison carved from bone has remained secure in his grandmother's pouch for years until she finally reveals its presence to Scar Boy. Scar Boy's clan is too small to have its own painter of spirits, a person who must have training because pictures are magical and contain the spirits of the people or animals. Yet Scar Boy, driven by a dream, shapes a horse from the mud. When his father and the clan realize that Scar Boy has a special gift, Scar Boy must risk the dangers of going to the summer clan meeting to learn the correct way to shape animals. His training will come from Painter of Caves.

Read-aloud Recommendation: Chapter 4, page 20-24

The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:
R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing

Time of the Bison - Independent Activities	Skills
1. Experts on Prehistoric Time (Writing a report)	R , S , W
2. Keeper of History (Writing a biography)	R , S , W
3. A Deep-Inside Name (Writing a paragraph about your name)	R , W
4. Animal Shaper (Sculpting an animal)	D
5. The Same, Yet Different (Writing a paragraph)	R , W
6. Cave Dwellers (Writing a report)	R , S , W
Time of the Bison - Group Activities	Skills
1. Forecast of Things to Come (Writing a new chapter)	R , W
2. Character Connections (Mapping the characters' relationships)	R , S , W
3. Twentieth Century Cave Art (Making a mural)	D
4. Famous Cave Paintings (Researching a topic)	D , R , W
5. The Bison (Writing a report)	R , S , W
6. "Let's Talk About..." (Discussing the story)	L , S

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