

Bison Scapula Hoe Blade Object Card

Many Native American groups made hoes with bison scapulae (shoulder blades). They notched and sharpened the bone before attaching it to a wooden handle with sinew (tendon or other connective tissue). This tool was extremely effective for gardening and other digging tasks. Some groups, such as the Pawnee, continued to use scapula hoes until the late 1800s, long after iron hoes were introduced by European traders.-Pawnee, continued to use scapula hoes until the late 1800s, long after iron hoes were introduced by European traders.-

Puzzles from the Past: Problem Solving Through Archeology • Kansas State Historical Society
Kshs.org • kshs.education@ks.gov

