

Native American Heritage Month

Educational Resources

Introduction

“November is Native American Heritage Month, or as it is commonly referred to, American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.” - NCAI.org ([Link](#))

Historical Overview of Tribal Nations and the U.S.

- Tribal Nations and the United States ([Link](#))
- Indian Country 101 ([Link](#))
 - Includes:
 - Crash Course Native History in the U.S.
 - Tribal Government Today
 - Identity, Citizenship, and Culture
 - Treaty Trail
 - WA Tribes Today
 - Accompanied quick reference guide ([Link](#))

OSPI - Since Time Immemorial Tribal Sovereignty In WA State

- Since Time Immemorial Curriculum Page ([Link](#))
- Accompanying Video's
 - Long Before We Were Born ([Link](#))
 - Celilo Falls silenced by the Dalles Dam, Echo of Water Against Rocks ([Link](#))
 - Celilo Falls 1915-1957 ([Link](#))
 - The Last Salmon Feast ([Link](#))
 - The Mighty Columbia River ([Link](#))

- Tribal Perspectives [\(Link\)](#)
- Contemporary Voices [\(Link\)](#)
- Native Homelands [\(Link\)](#)
- Five Essential Guiding Questions -
 - How does physical geography affect the distribution, culture, and economic life of local tribes?
 - What is the legal status of tribes who "negotiated" or who did not "negotiate" settlement for compensation for the loss of their sovereign homelands?
 - What were the political, economic, and cultural forces consequential to the treaties that led to the movement of tribes from long-established homelands to reservations?
 - What are ways in which Tribes respond to the threats and outside pressure to extinguish their cultures and independence?
 - What do local Tribes do to meet the challenges of reservation life; and as sovereign nations, what do local Tribes do to meet the economic and cultural needs of their Tribal communities?
- Clearing Magazine's Special Edition - Indigenous Perspectives and Environmental Education: Connecting Youth with Plants, Places and Cultural Traditions [\(Link\)](#)

Our Local Tribes

- Learning About The Colville Confederated Tribes - Resource Guide
 - Follow links in the end pages for further learning [\(Link\)](#)
- Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation - A Brief History [\(Link\)](#)
- Colville Tribes Curriculum Developer - Educational Resources [\(Link\)](#)
 - Through History - Educational Resource book [\(Link\)](#)
 - Through History - Accompanied Worksheets [\(Link\)](#)
 - Curriculum Template - Learning Outcomes [\(Links\)](#)
- Colville Tribes Language Department and Resources [\(Link\)](#)
- Colville Tribes History and Archaeology - Video List [\(Link\)](#)
- Colville Tribes Demographics and 12 Tribes' Ancestral Territories [\(Link\)](#)
- Guiding Topics List
 - Identifying ancestral territories of the 12 tribes
 - Tribal Chiefs, 12 Tribes and their 4 language groups
 - Plateau Tribes and the influence of the seasonal round
 - Lucy Covington Hall of Fame [\(Link\)](#)

- Plateau Tribes connection to the river and salmon
 - Way of life
- Videos
 - Lucy Covington, A Native American Indian [\(Link\)](#)
 - Mel Tonasket, Oral History [\(Link\)](#)
- Plateau Peoples' Web Portal [\(link\)](#)

Public Figures

- Notable Native People [\(Link\)](#)
- Native Trail Blazers Series [\(Link\)](#)
- National Native Hall of Fame [\(Link\)](#)

Websites, Videos and Activities

- We R Native [\(Link\)](#)
- Indigenous Ingenuity [\(Link\)](#)
- Illuminative [\(Link\)](#)
- Native Knowledge 360 [\(Link\)](#)
- Indigenizing the Curriculum [\(Link\)](#)
- NIEA Digital Resources [\(Link\)](#)
- PBS Native America [\(Link\)](#)