



## SALEM-KEIZER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### Indian Education Program Curriculum Resources List

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#### INTERNET:

#### **Oregon and the Pacific Northwest:**

**Grand Ronde Tribal History Curriculum** units are available for both 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades:

<https://www.grandronde.org/about/tribal-history/>

The **OPB Oregon Experience** series has an episode entitled “**Broken Treaties**”

<http://www.opb.org/artsandlife/series/brokentreaties/>

Salmon resources for the classroom are available from the **Bonneville Power Administration**:

<http://www.bpa.gov/PublicInvolvement/CommunityEducation/CurriculumActivities/Pages/default.aspx>

and from **Columbia River Intertribal Fisheries Commission**: [www.critfc.org/](http://www.critfc.org/)

The Billy Frank, Jr. Curriculum includes lesson plans and support materials focused on salmon, treaty rights and tribal sovereignty: These materials are now available to Salem-Keizer personnel on the district X drive:

“District” > “Indian Education” > “Salmon and Treaty Rights Curriculum”

The **Washington State Native curriculum “Since Time Immemorial”** has units applicable to Oregon.

<http://www.indian-ed.org/>

Some of the units focus on US history rather than specifically Washington State. There is also a unit on Celilo Falls, which is an Oregon location significant to the entire Pacific Northwest Native culture:

<http://www.indian-ed.org/curriculum/elementary-school-curriculum/wa-celilo-falls-dalles-dam/>

<https://content.lib.washington.edu/aipnw/buerge1.html> includes articles and photos on Pacific NW Indians

**Lewis and Clark Trail Tribal Legacy Project**: <http://lc-triballegacy.org/main.php>

This site explores history, culture, impact of Euro American contact, present day information and future directions of tribes along the Lewis and Clark expedition trail.

#### **Other Regions and General Information:**

**National Museum of the American Indian** has prepared curriculum for teachers:

[www.nmai.si.edu/explore/foreducatorsstudents/](http://www.nmai.si.edu/explore/foreducatorsstudents/) accesses lessons, and is where you can sign up for the educator newsletter.

[www.nmai.si.edu/environment/](http://www.nmai.si.edu/environment/) - unit on Native environmental perspectives and efforts

<http://nmai.si.edu/nk360/resources/American-Indian-Perspectives-on-Thanksgiving.cshtml> - Thanksgiving teaching poster for grades 4 through 8

**Culturally Situated Design Tools**: Teaching Math and Computing Through Culture: <http://csdt.rpi.edu/>

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**Native Tech** website includes resources mainly on Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands (Northeast) region:  
[www.nativetech.org/](http://www.nativetech.org/)

**Lessons of Our Land: The Land Tenure Curriculum K-12**

<http://www.lessonsofourland.org/> Lessons of Our Land is an interdisciplinary Indian land curriculum designed to align with existing state standards and is adaptable to include the history and culture of the region's Indian nations.

- Meets state standards in multiple core areas: history, art, civics, mathematics, science, geography, language arts and more
- Grade-level appropriate lessons in four key content areas
- Wide variety of online resources teachers can use to supplement their lessons
- Includes a teacher's guide for curriculum integrations

**Montana Indian Education for All** curriculum, while focused on Montana, contains materials that can be used in a more general context. Units are divided by subject area (language arts, math, science, etc.) and further subdivided by grade level. <http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/IndianEd/Curric.html>

PBS has a number of videos pertaining to Native American culture and issues. Search for "American Indian" and filter by grade and media type. <https://opb.pbslearningmedia.org/>.

The **Native Daughters Curriculum** focuses on women in Indian Country – past, present and future. Go to <https://www.education.ne.gov/> and enter "Native" in the search field to access the curriculum.

**Four Directions Curriculum** has units on California and on Natives across the US: <http://www.fourdir.com/>

**DISTRICT X DRIVE:** The following resources are accessible by district staff by going to the X drive, clicking on "District" and then clicking on "Indian Education Curriculum.

**The Oregon Tribal Curriculum Project** is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum on Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes based on the GLAD teaching methodology.

**"Lewis and Clark Through Native Eyes"** is a series of articles presenting information on Lewis and Clark. Grades 4 and up. Materials were prepared by the Title VII Indian Education Program in Portland, OR.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Supplemental Lessons** have been prepared for use with teaching units on Oregon Indians. Lessons include on basketry and one on petroglyphs, with instructions for an accompanying craft project.

The **Thanksgiving** folder includes a variety of curricular materials for the classroom that present the Native perspective on Thanksgiving and related topics.

**SALEM-KEIZER PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER:**

**Native American media kits by region:**

- Coastal Culture Area
- Woodland Culture Area
- Desert Culture Area
- Plains Culture Area

**Classroom sets** (15 copies) of Native American books for children. Lesson plans based on Common Core Curriculum standards are housed on the X-drive in the Indian Education Curriculum folder.

## **INDIAN EDUCATION LIBRARY:**

### Books:

Buffalohead, Priscilla. Modern Indian Issues: Repatriation, Religious Freedom, Mascots and Stereotypes, Tribal Sovereignty, Tribal Government, Tribal Enterprises, Treaty Rights. Secondary

Jones, Guy, and Sally Moomaw. Lessons from Turtle Island: Native Curriculum in Early Childhood Classrooms. Lesson ideas are based on Native American books for children.

Thanksgiving: A Native Perspective. The range of content covers all grade levels.

A great book for students in upper elementary and middle school grades is 1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving.

American Indian Communication Systems: Teacher Guide, Teacher Information and Student Activities. Prepared for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and can be adapted for additional grades.

Cajete, Gregory. Native Science: Natural Laws of Interdependence. This is a book to introduce adults to an Indigenous perspective on science.

American Indian Astronomy: Teacher Guide, Teacher Information and Student Activities. Prepared for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and can be adapted for additional grades.

American Indian Time Keeping Devices: Teacher Guide, Teacher Information and Student Activities. Prepared for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and can be adapted for additional grades.

The National Museum of the American Indian unit on Winter Counts would correlate nicely with this material.

American Indian Toys and Games: Teacher Guide, Teacher Information and Student Activities. Prepared for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and can be adapted for additional grades.

Susag, Dorothea. Roots and Branches: A Resource of Native American Literature – Themes, Lessons, and bibliographies. Secondary

Bruchac, Joseph. Pushing Up the Sky: Seven Native American Plays for Children. Elementary

Seale, Doris and Beverly Slapin, ed. A Broken flute: The Native Experience in Books for Children. This book contains over 200 pages of children's book evaluations listed by author.

Bigelow, Bill, and Bob Peterson, eds. Rethinking Columbus: the Next 500 Years. Materials are included for teachers of all grade levels. Indigenous perspectives are included on Columbus, Thanksgiving, and contemporary issues.

Indians of Northwest California: History/Social Science and Literature Based Curriculum Units. Middle school.

Loewen, James. Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong. Chapters are included on Columbus, Thanksgiving, and historical presentations of Native Americans. High School

Supahan, Sarah. A Time of Resistance: California Indians During The Mission Period 1769 – 1848. Grades 4 – 8.

Teacher Guides for individual book titles:

A Guide for Using STONE FOX in the Classroom.

Teachers' Guide: Frog Girl.

Teachers' Guide: Storm Boy.

A Guide for Using WALK TWO MOONS in the Classroom.  
Scholastic Book Guides JULIE OF THE WOLVES.  
A Guide for Using SING DOWN THE MOON in the Classroom.

Kits:

In the Light of Reverence: Protecting America's Sacred Lands. DVD and Teacher's Guide. Grades 9 – 12.  
Documents destruction of Native land and sacred sites and Native efforts to protect them. Secondary

Caduto, Michael, and Joseph Bruchac. Keepers of Life: Discovering Plants Through Native American Stories and Earth Activities for Children. Kit includes curriculum book, teacher's guide, student reader, and 2 cassettes. Also available: classroom set of 24 student readers Elementary - Middle

Caduto, Michael, and Joseph Bruchac. Keepers of the Animals: Native American Stories and Wildlife Activities for Children. Kit includes curriculum book, teacher's guide, student reader, and 2 cassettes. Also available: classroom set of 24 student readers Elementary - Middle

Caduto, Michael, and Joseph Bruchac. Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children. Kit includes curriculum book, teacher's guide, student reader, and 2 cassettes. Also available: classroom set of 24 student readers Elementary - Middle

Gold, Greed & Genocide. DVD and Teacher's Guide. This documentary presents the California Gold Rush from the Native perspective. Secondary

Long Before We Were Born. A comparison of past and present lifeways. DVD and Teachers' Guide. Grades 2 – 3

Native Homelands along the Lewis & Clark Trail. DVD and Teachers' Guide. Grades 4 – 5

DVD resources – a partial list:

Images of Indians. This program examines the impact of stereotypes and Hollywood's depiction of Native Americans. Secondary

In Whose Honor: American Indian Mascots in Sports. Middle School

I'm Not the Indian You Had in Mind. Presentation on stereotypes Secondary

American Outrage. Human rights documentary about a modern day controversy over tribal land Secondary

Incident at Oglala: The Leonard Peltier Story. High School

Johnny Moses: Storyteller from the Northwest Pacific Coast. 12 different stories included Grades 4 and up.

Fire on the Land. Traditional and contemporary use of fire on the Flathead Reservation. Grades 5 and up.

How Panther Got Tear Marks: A Karuk Indian Legend. 11 minute video in English and Karuk. Grades 4 – 6

Bison: a Living Story. Interactive CD Rom Grades 4 - 8

Qallunaat: Why White People are Funny. A "study" of White people from the Inuit point of view. High School

Choctaw Code Talkers. Grades 7 – 12 An Education Guide and a Viewer Discussion Guide are available online at <http://www.visionmakermedia.org/educators/choctaw-code-talkers>

True Whispers: The Story of the Navajo Code Talkers. Grades 4 and up

Standing Bear's Footsteps. Standing Bear vs. US successfully argued that Native Americans are people under the law. Online curriculum at <http://standingbearsfootsteps.netnebraska.org/curriculum/>. Additional educator resources at <http://www.visionmakermedia.org/educators/standing-bears-footsteps>. Secondary

The Modoc War. Secondary

A Song for Wounded Knee. 1972 occupation of Wounded Knee, AIM High School

In The Heart of Big Mountain. Documentary about the impact of a proposed federal law requiring removal of Navajo families from their homes. High School

Standing Strong: The Tribal nations of Western Oregon.

Your Land, My Land: A Candid View of the Termination Policy (P.L. 587) and the effects to the Klamath Tribes. Secondary

Canoe Way: The Sacred Journey. Documents the annual canoe journey of West Coast Salish people.

River of Renewal. A documentary of the Klamath Basin controversy involving Native Americans, farmers and fishermen. Secondary

Celilo Falls and the Remaking of the Columbia River. Secondary

The Chinook Trilogy: A Tribal Perspective on Salmon Restoration. Secondary

Shadow of the Salmon. An award winning docudrama addressing the Native perspective on the environment. 8<sup>th</sup> grade teaching resources online at <https://education.wsu.edu/documents/2015/08/shadow-of-the-salmon.pdf>.

Dark Waters. The history of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians from 1840 to 1875.

The Oregon Story: Tribal Economy. This presentation focuses on two tribes: the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde in Western Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla in Eastern Oregon.