

Learning from Flags

Sovereignty: The power to make your own rules and take care of your own people.





Essential Questions

- What is sovereignty?
- What do flags mean for Oregon's Tribes?

Learning Outcomes

- Understand that Oregon's Tribes are sovereign nations.
- Recognize that Tribes use flags to show who they are.
- Understand why there are symbols on Tribal flags.

Success Criteria

- I can describe why Oregon Tribes have flags.
- I can describe the symbols I see in different flags and seals.

Key Words and Ideas

- **Flag:** Fabrics with special colors and symbols that represent groups of people.
- **Symbol:** A picture or shape that stands for something else. It's like a secret way to show an idea or tell a story without using words.
- **Sovereignty:** The power to make your own rules and take care of your own people.

Nine Federally Recognized Tribes in Oregon (1)

Can you find The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation?



Group Talk (1)

- What is a flag?
- Where have you seen one?
- What stands out about the flag of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation?



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What's In a Flag



Questions

- What symbols do you see on the flag?
- What do the symbols mean?
- Why do you think the Umatilla people use those symbols?

Nine Federally Recognized Tribes in Oregon (2)

Can you find The Coquille Indian Tribe?



Group Talk (2)

- What symbols do you see on the flag?
- What do the symbols mean?
- Why do you think the Coquille people use those symbols?



SOURCE: https://www.coquilletribe.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/196-Tribal-Seal-9_2018.pdf



SOURCE: <https://www.coquilletribe.org/our-people/sovereignty/>

Activity

Draw a flag about you and your family.

What would you put on a flag to show what's important to you and your family?

Self-assessment

#	Success Criteria	Sort of 	Yes 
1	I can describe why Oregon Tribes have flags.		
2	I can describe the symbol I see in different flags and seals.		

Tuuwuù'k^h!

pronounced “Doowook”

“thank you” in Takelma,
language of the Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe