

# Powwow Celebrations: Identity Through Community Gatherings

Identity is about understanding yourself and what makes you, you.







# Essential Questions

- How do powwows help Native American families and communities in Oregon celebrate their identity?
- Why are celebrations and traditions important to all people?



# Group Talk

- What are some special celebrations or gatherings your family has?
- How does it make you feel to attend these celebrations?
- What do you like about the celebrations?

# Learning Expectations

## Learning Outcomes

- I understand that powwows are important cultural celebrations for many Oregon tribes.
- I recognize that powwows help people celebrate and express themselves.

## Success Criteria

- I can explain what a powwow is.
- I can describe one way that people express themselves at a powwow.
- I can draw one thing that happens at a powwow.

## Key Words and Ideas

- **Identity:** Who you are, including your family, culture, and community
- **Powwow:** A gathering where people come together to dance, sing, and celebrate their cultures
- **Regalia:** The ceremonial clothing worn by dancers at powwows



# Nine Federally Recognized Tribes in Oregon

Can you find the Siletz Tribe?



# Siletz Tribe Powwow video





# Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians Powwow

Photos courtesy of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua  
Tribe of Indians: <https://www.cowcreek-nsn.gov/photos-from-the-46th-annual-cow-creek-umpqua-tribal-pow-wow/>





# Activity

**Step 1.** Draw a picture of the powwow drumming or dancing.

**Step 2.** Write about your drawing. Use the following sentence stems.

A powwow is \_\_\_\_\_.

My drawing shows \_\_\_\_\_.

This is important because \_\_\_\_\_.



# Closing

## Turn and Talk



Different Native American tribes have their own unique traditions and celebrations, just like our own families have special celebrations.

Share with your partner, “A powwow is a celebration where \_\_\_\_\_.”

Share with your partner, “People express their identity at a powwow by \_\_\_\_\_.”



# Self-assessment

#	Success Criteria	Sort of 	Yes 
1	Can I explain what a powwow is?	.	.
2	Can I describe one way that people express themselves at a powwow?	.	.
3	Can I draw one thing that happens at a powwow?	.	.





# Thank You.

