

3rd Grade

English Language Arts Lesson

Stories From the Land

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





Essential Questions

- How do some Oregon Tribes describe their history?
- Why is describing their own history important to their identity?

Learning Outcome

- I understand the importance of telling one's own story.
- I understand the histories of Native American peoples in Oregon prior to westward expansion.
- I understand how to recount key details in an informational text and explain how they support the main idea.

Success Criteria

- I can describe why it is important that Oregon Tribes tell their own histories.
- I can explain key details about the early history of one of Oregon's Tribes.

Nine Federally Recognized Tribes in Oregon

Which Tribe is closest to you?



Group Talk

Do you know any stories that have been passed down in your family?

Group Talk: Pronunciations

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

/grand rahnd/

sounds like: "Grand Rhond"

rhyming with "pond"

The Klamath

/KLA-muth/

sounds like: "CLAH-muth"

One Example: Considering The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Experience

Our Story: The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon





The Klamath Tribes' Story

“In the old times we believed everything we needed to live was provided for us by our Creator in this rich land east of the Cascades. We still believe this. We saw success as a reward for virtuous striving and likewise as an assignment of spiritual favor, thus, “Work hard so that people will respect you”, was the counsel of our elders. For thousands upon countless thousands of years we survived by our industriousness. When the months of long winter nights were upon us, we survived on our prudent reserves from the abundant seasons. Toward the end of March, when supplies dwindled, large fish runs surged up the Williamson, Sprague, and Lost River. At the place on the Sprague River where gmok’am’c first instituted the tradition, we still celebrate the Return of c’waam Ceremony.

The six tribes of the Klamaths were bound together by ties of loyalty and Family, they lived along the Klamath Marsh, on the banks of Agency Lake, near the mouth of the Lower Williamson River, on Pelican Bay, beside the Link River, and in the uplands of the Sprague River Valley. The Modoc’s lands included the Lower Lost River, around Clear Lake, and the territory that extended south as far as the mountains beyond Goose Lake. The Yahooskin Bands occupied the area east of the Yamsay Mountain, south of Lakeview, and north of Fort Rock. Everything we needed was contained within these lands.”

- (Source: <https://klamathtribes.org/history/>)

Student Self-assessment

Success Criteria	Not Yet 	Yes 
Can I describe why it is important that Oregon Tribes tell their own histories?		
Can I explain key details about the early history of one of Oregon's Tribes?		



Thank you!

