

Exploring Movement in Nature

Time Immemorial is a very long time ago, before anyone remembers.



Learning From Animals

- Traditional Native American dances help pass down knowledge from one generation to the next, showing how people, animals and the land are all connected.

Sharp-Tailed Grouse aka Prairie Chickens

Used to live in the grasslands
and foothills of Cascade
Mountains in Oregon



Chicken Dancer at Stanford Powwow



Sharp-tailed Grouse aka Prairie Chickens





Essential Question

How do Oregon Tribes share what they know about animals?

Learning Outcomes

- I understand that animals change based on their environments.
- I understand that Native American Tribes have lived in Oregon since time immemorial, and they learn from animals to live better.
- I understand that people can learn from animals by observing them.

Success Criteria

- I can explain why Oregon Tribes show animal movements in their dances.
- I can copy animal movements that I observe.
- I can describe one animal movement I observe.

Time Immemorial Means Since the Beginning

“From the coast to the interior valleys to the plateau and to the great basin, tribal peoples maintain continuous and balanced relationships including land and water.”

The Essential Understandings,
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Photo courtesy of The Burns Paiute Tribe

Traditional Chicken Dance



University of Oregon Powwow Chicken Dance

What movements did you see?

Now draw what you saw!

- Were they steps, hops or shakes?
- Were they fast, slow or sharp?
- Were they funny, cute or exciting?

Self-assessment

Success Criteria	Not Yet	Yes
		
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Thank you!

