Siletz Today: Keeping Culture—Artifacts, Repatriation, and Indigenous Sovereignty

Activity 1. Warm-up

Vocabulary

Repatriation - The act of returning someone or something to its place of origin.

Instructions

1. **Individual reflection:** What is the difference between a cultural artifact and a personal possession? Reflect silently and record your responses to the questions below.

   - What is a cultural artifact?

   - How is a cultural artifact different from a personal possession?

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2. **Partner discussion:** Have you been to a museum where Native American artifacts were on display? Have you ever considered how those objects came to be in a museum? Why or why not? With a partner, discuss the following questions and record a few of your reflections.

   - What kind of things did you see?

   - Was it easy to tell how the objects were acquired? Why do you think this was?