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# Cultural Education Outline

3-6th Grade - Supplemental Local Content to include in WA State Tribes Curriculum

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## Themes to Cover

**Location and Names of Tribes**

**How Land Shapes Culture**

**Tribes Way of Life**

**Relationships and Values**

**Storytelling**

**Ancestral Territory**

**Tribal Sovereignty**

**Colonization**

**Reservation System**

**Tribal Government and Organization**

Guiding Documents - Elementary Section

WA State Since Time Immemorial Tribal Sovereignty Curriculum - Essential Questions and Outcomes ([Link](#))

WA State Tribes Curriculum Overview - Structure and Themes ([Link](#))

## Topics

**Plateau Culture Region**

**Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) & Chiefs**

**CCT Language Groups/Territories**

**Seasonal Round**

**Natural Resources**

**Traditional Foods & Plant Medicines**

**Tools, Shelter & Cultural Materials**

**Storytelling**

**Relationships and Values**

**Origin of the Name Colville Tribes**

**CCT Government and Headquarters**

**CCT Business Council**

**CCT Voting Districts**

**CCT Organizational Chart and Programs**

**CCT and the Grand Coulee Dam**

(Note: This outline is provided by the Lake Roosevelt Indian Education Cultural Curriculum Staff. It utilizes open source material, the guiding themes from the WA State Since Time Immemorial Tribal Sovereignty Curriculum and input from the Indian Edu Program Parent Committee. It is intended to be used to begin approaching cultural education throughout the year with the understanding that local content is expected to continue being developed from official curriculum developing partners.)

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# School Year Outline

## Fall Season - Preparing for Winter, Hunting, Food Processing & Shelter

*Happening this quarter: Local Native American Day 4th Friday Sept, Orange Shirt Day Sept 30th, Indigenous Peoples Day Oct 13th, Honoring Veterans November 11th, Nov Native American Heritage Month*

### September

- Intro to Plateau Culture Region and Tribes
- Plateau Culture Region - Seasonal Round
- NAD - People of the River - Project
  - Tribal Community Specialty Project (presenter, cultural activity, field trip)
- Orange Shirt Day - Day of Remembrance - Cultural Edu and History, Guided Lesson

### October

- Intro to 12 Tribes, the Name Colville Confederated Tribes, Reservation, Ancestral Territories/Language Groups - Traditional Shelter - Tule & Hide
- Grand Coulee Dam - Lesson and Project
- CCT Government Headquarters, Business Council/Districts, Organizational Chart - Leadership and Community Project

### November

- Native American Heritage Month Activity - values, wellness, leadership, celebration
  - a. Tribal Community Specialty Project (presenter, cultural activity, field trip)
- Necklace Making
- Fry Bread - Lesson on history and resilience
- Indigenous Thanksgiving - 3 sisters, corn husk dolls, local foods and thankfulness



## Winter Season - Storytelling, Cultural Projects, Medicinal Teas

*Happening this quarter: Cultural Storytelling Events, Community Cultural Projects*

### December

- Intro to tribal storytelling - Animal People
- Interactive Story Projects - CCT Traditional Story
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- Native American Literature Holiday Story and Project -

### January

- Introduction to tribal language and storytelling
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- Introduction to tribal language and storytelling
- Contemporary Indigenous Storytelling - Project

### February

- Contemporary Indigenous Storytelling - Project
- Contemporary Indigenous Storytelling - Project
- Animal People and Relationships (V-day themed craft)
- Interactive Storytelling - Animal People and Foods Lesson

## Spring Season - Honoring Traditional Foods and Medicines

*Happening this quarter: Initiating spring rejuvenation with “time of the buttercups”, first-roots/foods feasts, spring gathering season, Earth Day April 22nd, various conferences and workshops.*

### March

- Time of the Buttercups - Seasons Changing
- Traditional Foods and Medicines - Basic Foods Intro (Salmon, Venison, Roots, Berries)
- Traditional Foods and Medicines - Plant Project
- Traditional Foods and Medicines - Roots, Root Digger Craft

### April

- Be A Good Ancestor - Adapted to older students, Natural Resources: Water
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- Be A Good Ancestor - Adapted to older students, Natural Resources: Fish & Wildlife
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## Looking Toward Summer - Food Gathering and Social Events

*Happening this quarter: Spring to summer gathering season, Salmon Ceremony, various social events, MMIWP advocacy and awareness May 5th, Canoe Journey, field trips.*

### May/June

- Be A Good Ancestor - Adapted to older students, Natural Resources: Rock Images/Geology - History & Archaeology
- End of Year Activities and Celebrations: Powwow, Horse Culture, Stick Game, Events
  - a. Tribal Community Specialty Project (presenter, cultural activity, field trip)