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In the fall of 2013, The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Education Division completed the first draft of a fourth grade social sciences curriculum. This curriculum was a pilot project that was brought about by the need for historically accurate and culturally relevant curriculum in Oregon schools.

The Oregon Social Sciences Academic Content Standards adopted August 15, 2011 call for fourth grade students to be able to identify and describe historic Native American groups that lived in Oregon prior to contact with Europeans and at the time of early European exploration, including ways these groups adapted to and interacted with the physical environment. The standards also want teachers to explain how people in Oregon have modified their environment and how the environment has influenced people's lives, and to describe and evaluate how historical Oregon governments affected groups within the states including tribes.

This curriculum has been long overdue, as for years there has been a lack of accurate information about Oregon tribes in Oregon classrooms. Instead teachers have been teaching about tribes outside of Oregon. With the state standards in place, it was great timing to develop curriculum that teachers could use.

The process of creating the curriculum involved the Tribe's Education Department, Tribal Library, Land and Culture Department, Public Affairs, and other Tribal staff. The project would not have been possible without the support of the Tribal Council. As the creation was taking place, the Willamina School District agreed to serve as a partner in the project and allow their fourth grade teachers to pilot it during the 2013–2014 academic year. A training was held for the Willamina Elementary School fourth grade teachers in August of 2013 that introduced the curriculum, materials required throughout the curriculum, and resources available to teachers, as well as guidelines for teaching the curriculum.

The design of the curriculum includes 15 lessons that feature the Pre-Termination time period, the five principal tribes of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, laws and treaties, housing, transportation, fishing and hunting, stories and oral history, plants, basketry and gathering, clothing, language,



the termination time period, restoration era, sovereignty and tribal government today, a glossary, maps, teacher resources, and a special edition CD created by multiple Native American Music Award winning flutist and Grand Ronde Tribal member Jan Looking Wolf Reibach. Each lesson plan has a logo titled “Telling Our Story” that was created specifically for the curriculum by Grand Ronde Tribal member artist Brian Krehbiel. Technology was integrated into the curriculum by designing a lesson around iPad use in the classroom and providing PowerPoint presentations and videos for lesson delivery.

Tribal Librarian Marion Mercier developed a specific insert in the curriculum: the Native American resource list. It provides teachers and students expanded opportunities to dive deeper and research both The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and other Oregon tribes. It includes lists of books at various reading levels including Young Adult Non-fiction, Young Adult Fiction, Elementary Non-fiction, Elementary Fiction, and Elementary Picture Books—Fiction and Non-fiction. Books on the list are available in the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde’s Tribal Library collection. The resource list also includes reference to Grand Ronde Tribes, Coastal Tribes of Oregon, Tribes East of the Cascades and the Columbia River areas, Oregon Tribes: general, videos, researched material including dissertations and theses, music, basketry curriculum materials, Tribal Newsletters, and websites.

This curriculum is the first of its kind in Oregon as it is a tribe specific social studies curriculum that meets state standards and was drafted by Native American educators keeping in mind the learning styles of Native American students. The lead curriculum writers are April Campbell, Kathy Cole, and Trinity Minahan. Our plan is to make our curriculum available to all Oregon teachers and schools by the fall of 2014. Training on how to use the curriculum will be available in the summer of 2014 and there is discussion of possibly using webinars to reach a larger audience statewide. The next steps for the future are to create an 8th and 10th grade social studies curriculum that meets Common Core and state standards and integrates multimedia technology. Our hope is that teachers will teach the history of our people to students with a kind heart and share accurate knowledge that can be passed down for generations to come. 🌀



Marion Mercier (left) and Trinity Minahan



**CTGR Tribal Library  
Youth Reading List—Elementary (ELEM)  
Junior High and High School (YA)  
Native American Titles in the Tribal Library Collection**

March 2013

*Young Adult (YA) Non-fiction*

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Surviving in Two Worlds                                                                 | Crozier-Hoble & Wilson      |
| 2. Soaring Spirits Conversations with Native American Teens                                | Karen Gravelle              |
| 3. Native Women of Courage                                                                 | Kelly Fournel               |
| 4. The Seventh Generation                                                                  | Bergstrom, Cleary & Peacock |
| 5. The History of the American Indians & The Reservation                                   | Judith Edwards              |
| 6. You Are Now on Indian Land:<br>American Indian Occupation of Alcatraz Island            | Margaret Goldstein          |
| 7. Visions for the Future: A Celebration of<br>Young Native American Artists               | N.A. Rights Fund            |
| 8. Red Earth, White Lies                                                                   | Vine Deloria                |
| 9. Walking Thunder: Dine Medicine Woman                                                    |                             |
| 10. Anpao                                                                                  | Jamake Highwater            |
| 11. 100 Native Americans                                                                   | Bonnie Juettner             |
| 12. Native American Doctor, the Story of Susan LaFlesche Picotte                           | Jeri Ferris                 |
| 13. A Native American Thought of It—<br>Amazing Inventions and Innovations                 | Rocky Landon                |
| 14. A Whale Hunt                                                                           | Robert Sullivan             |
| 15. In the Spirit of Mother Earth Nature in Native American Art                            | Mcquiston, Schmidt & Thom   |
| 16. Native American Design—Image Archive with CD                                           |                             |
| 17. Native Athletes in Action                                                              | Vincent Schilling           |
| 18. Eagle Blue                                                                             | Michael D'orso              |
| 19. American Indians of the Pacific Northwest                                              | Elisabeth Aderkas           |
| 20. Guide to the Indian tribes of the Pacific Northwest                                    | Ruby & Brown                |
| 21. An Indian Winter                                                                       | Russell Freedman            |
| 22. Native Men of Courage                                                                  | Vincent Schilling           |
| 23. Navajo Code Talkers                                                                    | Nathan Aaseng               |
| 24. Warriors: Navajo Code Talkers                                                          | Kenji Kawano                |
| 25. Lame Deer, Seeker of Visions                                                           | John Fire Lame Deer         |
| 26. Tools of Native Americans—A Kids Guide to<br>History & Cultures of the First Americans | Kim Kavin                   |
| 27. Counting Coup                                                                          | Joseph Medicine Crow        |
| 28. Native American Civilizations                                                          | Mathis & Wood               |
| 29. 1997 Encyclopedia of the North American Indians (11 book set with index)               |                             |

*Young Adult (YA) Fiction*

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|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian | Sherman Alexie |
| 2. Children of the Longhouse                   | Joseph Bruchac |
| 3. The Winter People                           | Joseph Bruchac |
| 4. Sacajawea                                   | Joseph Bruchac |



5. The Dark Pond
6. Geronimo
7. Who Will Tell My Brother
8. The Whale Rider
9. Rising Voices
10. The Birchbark House
11. My Name is Not Easy
12. Perma Red
13. Treasure Mountain
14. Witch Doctor's Son
15. A Woman of Her Tribe
16. The Fledglings
17. Touching Spirit Bear
18. Spirit Quest
19. The Trickster and the Troll
20. Moccasin Thunder
21. The Secret of the Northern Lights
22. The Indian Lawyer
23. At the End of Ridge Road
24. Ishi The Last of His Tribe
25. Standing Tall Lifeways of Kathryn Harrison
26. Wilma Mankiller
27. Reservation Blues

Joseph Bruchac  
 Joseph Bruchac  
 Marlene Carvell  
 Will Ihimaera  
 Hirschfelder & Singer  
 Louise Erdrich  
 Debby D Edwardson  
 Debra Magpie Earling  
 Evelyn Sibley-Lampman  
 Evelyn Sibley-Lampman  
 Margaret Robinson  
 Sandara Markle  
 Mikaelson  
 Susan Sharpe  
 Virginia Driving Hawk Sneewe  
 Lori Carlson  
 Kinsella  
 James Welch  
 Joseph Bruchac  
 Theodora Kroeber  
 Kristine Olson  
 Wilma Mankiller  
 Sherman Alexie

*Elementary Non-fiction*

1. Weaving a California Tradition
2. Children of North America Today
3. Powwow
4. Potlatch: A Tsimshian Celebration
5. Shannon: An Ojibway Dancer
6. Beaver Steals Fire
7. Monster Slayer
8. Native American Animal Stories
9. Myths From Many Lands: Native American Myths
10. How Spirit Dog Made the Milky Way
11. Corn is Maize
12. Ininatig's Gift of Sugar
13. Where Indians Live: American Indian Houses
14. Weave Little Stars Into My Sleep
15. Jim Thorpe's Bright Path
16. Dancing teepees
17. The Trees Stand Shining
18. The Quiet Hero: the Story of Ira Hays
19. A Kid's Guide to Native American History
20. Weapons of the American Indians

Linda Yamane  
 Dennis & Hirschfelder  
 Ancona  
 Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith  
 Sandara King  
 Confederated Salish  
 & Kootenai Tribes  
 Vee Brown  
 Joseph Bruchac  
 Neil Morris  
 Michael O'Hearn  
 Alike  
 Laura W Wittstock  
 Nashone  
 Neil Phillip  
 Joseph Bruchac  
 Virginia Driving Hawk Sneewe  
 Hettie Jones  
 SD Nelson  
 Dennis & Hirschfelder  
 Matt Doeden



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| 21. Charles Eastman                                                             | Betsy Lee                    |
| 22. American Indian Cultures                                                    | Weil & Guillain              |
| 23. The Nez Perce                                                               | Virginia Driving Hawk Sneeve |
| 24. The Kwakiutl Indians                                                        | G S Prentzas                 |
| 25. The Wampanoags                                                              | Alice Flanagan               |
| 26. Longhouses                                                                  | Raymond Bial                 |
| 27. Meet Naiche                                                                 | Tayac & Harrington           |
| 28. A Boy Called Slow                                                           | Joseph Bruchac               |
| 29. Sarah Winnemucca                                                            | Mary F. Morrow               |
| 30. Ancient Indians of the Southwest                                            | David Noble                  |
| 31. Northwest Coast Indians                                                     | Tamim Ansary                 |
| 32. If You Lived With the Indians of the Northwest Coast                        | Ann Kamma                    |
| 33. American Indians Facts of Life:<br>Profile of Today's Tribes & Reservations | George Russell               |
| 34. People of the Northwest and Subarctic                                       | Linda Thompson               |
| 35. Chinook Indians                                                             | Suzanne Williams             |
| 36. Children of the Midnight Sun                                                | Tricia Brown                 |
| 37. Children of the Tlingit                                                     | Frank Staub                  |
| 38. American Indian Nations (12 book series)                                    |                              |
| 39. New True Books (Series with Native American titles)                         |                              |

*Elementary Fiction (Chapter)*

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Heart of a Chief     | Joseph Bruchac    |
| 2. Hidden Roots         | Joseph Bruchac    |
| 3. Skeleton Man         | Joseph Bruchac    |
| 4. The Dark Pond        | Joseph Bruchac    |
| 5. Bear Walker          | Joseph Bruchac    |
| 6. Arrow Over the Door  | Joseph Bruchac    |
| 7. Walk Two Moons       | Sharon Creech     |
| 8. Indian Captive       | Lois Lenski       |
| 9. Adaline Falling Star | Mary Pope Osborne |
| 10. Indian Shoes        | Cynthia L Smith   |

*Elementary Picture Books – Fiction and Non-fiction*

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Very Last First Time           | Jan Andrews         |
| 2. Why the Tide Ebbs and Flows    | Bowden & Brown      |
| 3. The First Strawberries         | Joseph Bruchac      |
| 4. Thirteen Moons on Turtles Back | Joseph Bruchac      |
| 5. The Salmon Princess            | Mindy Dwyer         |
| 6. The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses | Paul Goble          |
| 7. Punia and the King of Sharks   | Lee Wardlaw         |
| 8. A Child at Glacier Bay         | Kim & Hannah Corral |
| 9. Saltypie                       | Tim Tingle          |
| 10. This Land is My Land          | George Littlechild  |
| 11. The First Americans           | Anthony Aveni       |
| 12. The Elders are Watching       | David Bouchard      |





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| 13. Will Rogers                                           | Frank Keating         |
| 14. The Buffalo are Back                                  | Jean C. George        |
| 15. Coyote Places the Stars                               | Harriet P. Taylor     |
| 16. Buffalo Dreams                                        | Kim Doner             |
| 17. Alice Nizzy Nazy                                      | Johnston              |
| 18. Less Than Half More Than Whole                        | Michael Lacapa        |
| 19. Frog Girl                                             | Paul Owen Lewis       |
| 20. Crow and Weasel                                       | Barry Lopez           |
| 21. Journey to Cahokia                                    | Albert Lorenz         |
| 22. Knots on a Counting Rope                              | Bill Martin Jr.       |
| 23. Go Home River                                         | James Magdanz         |
| 24. Tundra Mouse                                          | Megan McDonald        |
| 25. When the Shadbush Blooms                              | Carla Messinger       |
| 26. Annie and the Old One                                 | Miska Miles           |
| 27. The Circle of Wonder                                  | N. Scott Momaday      |
| 28. Natasha Goes to the Brush Dance                       | Jack Norton           |
| 29. Dreamcatcher                                          | Audrey Osofsky        |
| 30. The Girl Who Swam With the Fish                       | Michelle Renner       |
| 31. Two Pairs of Shoes                                    | Esther Sanderson      |
| 32. There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Trout           | Teri Sloat            |
| 33. Berry Magic                                           | Teri Sloat            |
| 34. Grey Wolf's Search                                    | Bruce Swanson         |
| 35. Giving Thanks                                         | Chief Jake Swamp      |
| 36. Coyote and the Laughing Butterflies                   | Harriet Peck Taylor   |
| 37. What's the Most Beautiful Thing You Know About Horses | Richard Van Camp      |
| 38. Eagle Boy                                             | Richard Lee Vaughn    |
| 39. How Raven Stole the Sun                               | Maria Williams        |
| 40. Encounter                                             | Jane Yolán            |
| 41. Sky Dogs                                              | Jane Yolán            |
| 42. Secret of the Dance                                   | Andrea Spalding       |
| 43. Jingle Dancer                                         | Cynthia Leitich Smith |
| 44. The Give-Away                                         | Ray Buckley           |
| 45. How Raven Brought Light to the People                 | Anne Dixon            |
| 46. How the World Was Saved                               | Piers Harper          |
| 47. Ishi's Tale of Lizard                                 | Hinton & Roth         |
| 48. Legends of the Seminole                               | Billy M Jumper        |
| 49. How Coyote Stole the Summer                           | Stephen Krensky       |
| 50. Storm Boy                                             | Paul Owen Lewis       |
| 51. Rough Face Girl                                       | Rafe Martin           |
| 52. Raven's Light                                         | Susan H. Shetterly    |
| 53. Whale in the Sky                                      | Anne Siberell         |
| 54. Moon and Otter and Frog                               | Laura Simms           |
| 55. Eye of the Needle                                     | Teri Sloat            |
| 56. Coyote Steals the Blanket                             | Janet Stevens         |
| 57. Sacred Song of the Hermit Thrush                      | Tehanetorens          |
| 58. Legend of Sleeping Bear                               | Kathy-jo Wargin       |



## Book List for Teacher Training by Marion Mercier, Tribal Librarian

This is a resource list of books about Native Americans/Indians of Oregon Tribes and their homelands. Most are at adult reading levels. Information can be used to enhance high school level studies. Books on this list are available in the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's Tribal Library collection.

Titles that may be of interest for those wanting to get a better understanding about the Indians in Oregon include: *The First Oregonians* and the second edition of *The First Oregonians*. These are great titles for a brief introduction to Oregon's nine Federally Recognized Tribes.

**Bold type references materials are authored by Tribal Members, features of Tribal Members, or published by the Tribe (CTGR).**

### *Reference to Grand Ronde Tribes*

- Requiem for a People by Stephen Dow Beckham
- The World of the Kalapuya by Judy Rycraft Juntunen, May D. Dasch & Ann Bennett Rogers
- The Kalapuyans by Harold Mackey, PhD.
- **Standing Tall: The Lifeway of Kathryn Jones Harrison, Chair of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community by Kristine Olson**
- All Quiet on the Yamhill: The Civil War in Oregon by Royal A. Bensell
- Indian Journal of Rev. R.W. Summers by R.W. Summers
- Father Crockett of Grand Ronde by Martinus Cawley
- Witch Doctor's Son by Evelyn Sibley Lampman (historical fiction) YA\*
- Treasure Mountain by Evelyn Sibley Lampman (historical fiction,) YA
- Shasta Nation by Betty Lou Hall and Monica Jae Hall
- Siletz: Survival for an Artifact by Leone Letson Kasner
- The Nehalem Tillamook: an Ethnography by Elizabeth Derr Jacobs
- Nehalem Tillamook Tales by Clara Pearson
- Indians of Western Oregon by Stephen Dow Beckham
- The Chinook Indians: Traders of the Lower Columbia River by Robert H. Ruby & John A. Brown
- The Chinook by Clifford E. Trafzer
- Assimilation's Agent: My Life as a Superintendent in the Indian Boarding System by Edwin Chalcraft
- An Arrow in the Earth: General Joel Palmer and the Indians of Oregon by Terence O'Donnell
- The Last Yoncalla: The Legend of Sam Fearn by Dean Baker (Fiction)
- Teaching Oregon Native Languages by Joan Gross
- Rolls of Certain Indian Tribes in Oregon and Washington by Charles E. McChesney, et al.
- **Being and Becoming Indigenous Archaeologists by George P. Nicholas**
- Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest (2 Vol.)
- **Living in the Great Circle: The Grand Ronde Indian Reservation, 1855–1905 by June L. Olson**
- **Chinuk Wawa as Our Elders Teach Us to Speak It by Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon**





*Reference to Coastal Tribes of Oregon*

- The Coquille Indians by Roberta L. Hall
- Coquille Thompson, Athabaskan Witness by Lionel Youst & William Seaburg
- People of the Coquille Estuary by Roberta L. Hall, Don Alan Hall, et al.
- She's Tricky Like Coyote: Annie Miner Peterson, an Oregon Coast Indian Woman by Lionel Youst

*Reference to Tribes East of the Cascades and the Columbia River areas*

- The Forgotten Tribes: Oral Tales of the Teninons and Adjacent Mid-Columbia River Indian Nations by Donald M. Hines
- When the River Ran Wild!: Indian Traditions on the Mid-Columbia and the Warm Springs Reservation by George W. Aguilar
- Celilo Falls: Remembering Thunder by Wilma Roberts
- Life Among the Piutes by Sarah Winnemucca Hopkins
- The Indian History of the Modoc War by Jeff C. Riddle
- The People of the Warm Springs by Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs
- The Cayuse Indians by Robert H. Ruby and John A. Brown
- Wiyáyaxxt/Wiyáaka'awn = As days go by: our history, our land, and our people—the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla. Edited by Jennifer Karson

*Reference to Oregon Tribes: General*

- Indian Legends of the Pacific Northwest by Ella E. Clark
- Coyote was Going There: Indian Literature of the Oregon Country by Jarold Ramsey
- The Sandal and the Cave: The Indians of Oregon by Luther S. Cressman
- Oregon Indians: Culture, History & Current Affairs, an Atlas & Introduction by Jeff Zucker, Kay Hummel, and Bob Høgfoss
- American Indians: Stereotypes & Realities by Devon A. Mihesuah
- Oregon Indians: Voices from Two Centuries by Stephen Dow Beckham
- Oregon Geographic Names by Lewis A. McArthur
- People of the River: Native Arts of the Oregon Territory by Bill Mercer

*Videos*

- The Chinook Trilogy by Rick Taylor, Dan Kane, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. Details legal decisions confirming fishing rights of Columbia River Indians
- American Cowboys by Cedric Wildbill and Tania Wildbill. Early days of Pendleton Roundup, Champion Jackson Sundown

*Researched Material: Dissertation, Thesis, etc. (copied materials)*

- **Termination of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon: Politics, Community, Identity 2010** by David Gene Lewis
- The Cultural Position of the Kalapuya in the Pacific Northwest by Lloyd R. Collins
- Kalapuya Texts (Part III) by Albert S. Gatschet, Leo Joachim Frachtenberg, & Melville Jacobs
- The Tualatin by Henry Zenk
- The Takelma Texts (Vol.II) 1909 by Edward Sapir
- The Legacy of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in Indian Law. Oregon Law Institute. Materials from the May 6, 2004 Symposium.



*Music*

- Seven Rabbits, Stories and Songs of the Native American Flute by Jan Michael Looking Wolf

*Feature: Basketry Curriculum Materials*

- Exploring Culture: Basketry: Place, Community and Voices

*Tribal Newsletters*

Most Oregon Tribes publish their own monthly newsletter.

- Smoke Signals

*Web Sites*

[www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org)

NTSAYKA IKANUM [www.grandronde.org/ikanum/index.html](http://www.grandronde.org/ikanum/index.html)

Tribal Library Home Page: Research links to Tribal History & Cultural Sources

[www.grandronde.org/departments/education/library/](http://www.grandronde.org/departments/education/library/)

