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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.
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**
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: American Indian Occupation of Alcatraz Island Margaret Goldstein
8. Red Earth, White Lies Vine Deloria
10. Anpao Bonnie Juettner
11. 100 Native Americans Jeri Ferris
12. Native American Doctor, the Story of Susan LaFlesche Picotte Jeri Ferris
13. A Native American Thought of It—Amazing Inventions and Innovations Rocky Landon
15. In the Spirit of Mother Earth Nature in Native American Art Mcquiston, Schmidt & Thom
16. Native American Design—Image Archive with CD Vincent Schilling
17. Native Athletes in Action Michael D’orso
18. Eagle Blue Eliszabeth Aderkas
19. American Indians of the Pacific Northwest Ruby & Brown
20. Guide to the Indian tribes of the Pacific Northwest Russell Freedman
21. An Indian Winter Vincent Schilling
22. Native Men of Courage Nathan Aaseng
23. Navajo Code Talkers Kenji Kawano
24. Warriors: Navajo Code Talkers John Fire Lame Deer
25. Lame Deer, Seeker of Visions Joseph Medicine Crow
27. Counting Coup Mathis & Wood
28. Native American Civilizations

**Young Adult (YA) Fiction**
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  

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
21. Charles Eastman  Betsy Lee
22. American Indian Cultures  Weil & Guillain
23. The Nez Perce  Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve
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 Lift: 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)**
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**
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. Saltpie  Tim Tingle
10. This Land is My Land  George Littlechild
11. The First Americans  Anthony Aveni
12. The Elders are Watching  David Bouchard
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 Nazzy  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
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  Bruce Swanson
34. Grey Wolf’s Search  Chief Jake Swamp
35. Giving Thanks  Harriet Peck Taylor
36. Coyote and the Laughing Butterflies  Richard Van Camp
37. What’s the Most Beautiful Thing You Know About Horses  Richard Lee Vaughn
38. Eagle Boy  Maria Williams
39. How Raven Stole the Sun  Jane Yolan
40. Encounter  Jane Yolan
41. Sky Dogs  Andrea Spalding
42. Secret of the Dance  Cynthia Leitich Smith
43. Jingle Dancer  Ray Buckley
44. The Give-Away  Anne Dixon
45. How Raven Brought Light to the People  Piers Harper
46. How the World Was Saved  Hinton & Roth
47. Ishi’s Tale of Lizard  Billy M Jumper
48. Legends of the Seminole  Stephen Krensky
49. How Coyote Stole the Summer  Paul Owen Lewis
50. Storm Boy  Rafe Martin
51. Rough Face Girl  Susan H. Shetterly
52. Raven’s Light  Anne Siberell
53. Whale in the Sky  Laura Simms
54. Moon and Otter and Frog  Teri Sloat
55. Eye of the Needle  Janet Stevens
56. Coyote Steals the Blanket  Tehanetorens
57. Sacred Song of the Hermit Thrush  Kathy-jo Wargin
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
- 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
- Wiyáwayx/Wiyá’áwín = 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)
- 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
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

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Tribal Library Home Page: Research links to Tribal History & Cultural Sources
www.grandronde.org/departments/education/library/
Audit Manager (Former Employee) — Grand Ronde, OR — October 18, 2018. A typical workday was to review the information provided and set up meetings with those involved with the department being reviewed. Enjoyed working with others. Ask a question about working or interviewing at Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Our community is ready to answer. Ask a Question.