

Oregon Geography

Oregon History

Oregon Trade Routes

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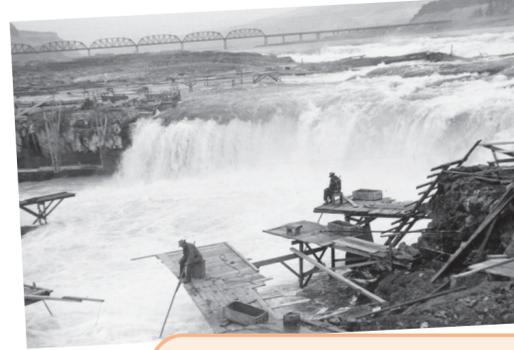
■ Settlement area



Oregon Land Use



Life at Celilo Falls



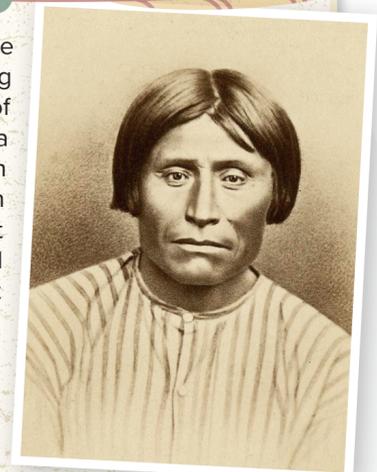
Native Americans built scaffolds at Celilo Falls to fish for salmon. Celilo Falls was the oldest continuously inhabited community on the North American continent until 1957, when the falls and nearby settlements were submerged by the construction of The Dalles Dam.

Oregon Tribal Leaders



Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce

Chief Joseph led the Wallowa band of the Nez Perce and tried to keep his people on their homeland in northeastern Oregon. In 1877, after conflict with the U.S. Army, his people traveled over a thousand miles toward Canada before he surrendered.



Chief Kintpuash ("Captain Jack") of the Modoc

Kintpuash led the Modoc people during the Modoc War of 1872–1873 in the Lava Beds of southern Oregon and northern California. He first asked for peace and a small homeland, but fighting broke out and the war grew. After he was captured, the U.S. Army executed him in 1873.



Chief Tecumtum of the Etch-ka-taw-wah band of Athabaskan Indians

Tecumtum was a major leader of Rogue River bands who fought to protect their homes during the Rogue River War of 1855–1856. After heavy fighting, he surrendered and was forced with many of his people to move to the Siletz Reservation on the Oregon Coast.



### Primary Sources



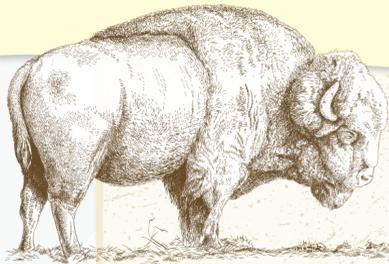
#### Pioneer Diary

"[My] wife had prepared the homemade yeast cake which she knew so well how to make and dry, and we had light bread to eat all the way across. We baked the bread in a tin reflector instead of the heavy Dutch oven so much in use on the Plains.

The butter in part melted and mingled with the flour, yet it did not matter much, as the "shortcake" that resulted made us almost glad the mishap had occurred. Besides, did we not have plenty of fresh butter, from the milk of our own cows, churned every day in the can by the jostling of the wagon? Then the buttermilk! What a luxury! I shall never, as long as I live, forget the shortcake and corn bread, the puddings and pumpkin pies, and above all the buttermilk.

As we gradually crept out on the Plains and saw the sickness due to improper food, or in some cases to its improper preparation, it was borne in upon me how blessed I was, with such a trail partner as Buck and such a life partner as my wife. Some trains were without fruit, and most of them depended upon saleratus for raising their bread. Many had only fat bacon for meat until the buffalo supplied a change; and no doubt much of the sickness attributed to the cholera was caused by bad diet."

— Excerpt from Ezra Meeker, *Ox-Team Days on the Oregon Trail* (1922; Project Gutenberg, 2009)



#### Rogue River Treaty

"The Rogue River tribe of Indians do hereby cede and relinquish, for the considerations hereinafter specified, to the United States, all their right, title, interest, and claim to all the lands lying in that part of the Territory of Oregon....

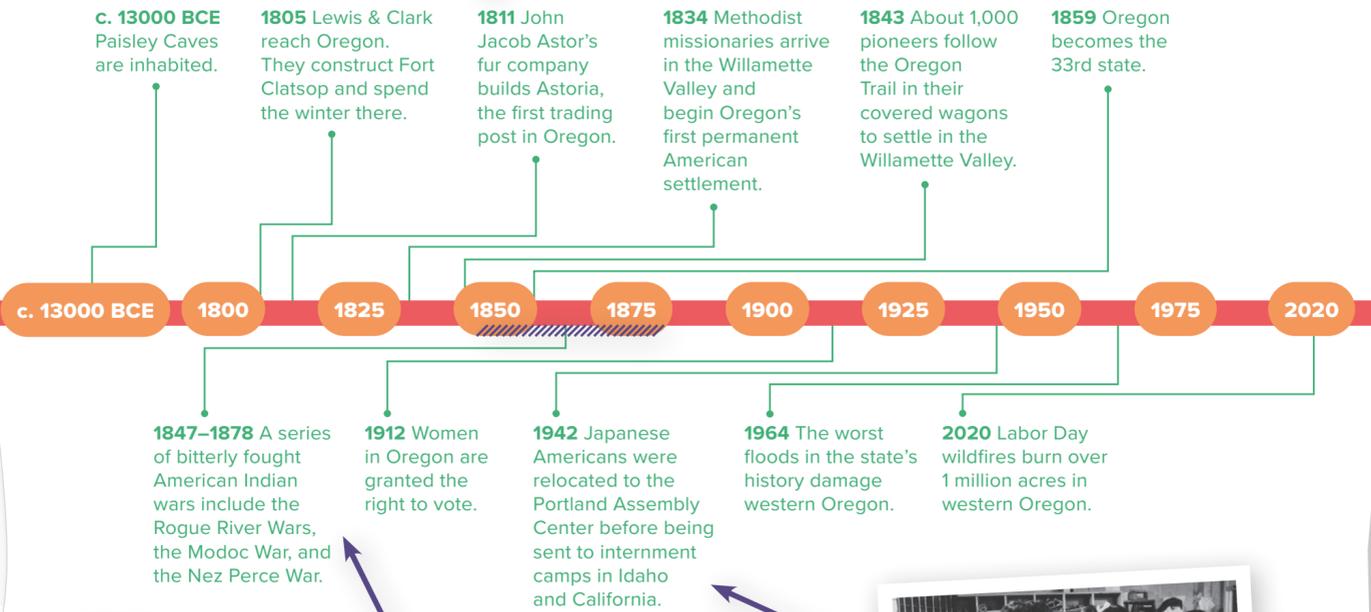
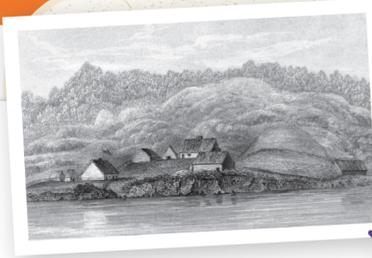
For and in consideration of the cession and relinquishment contained in article 1st, the United States agree to pay to the aforesaid tribe the sum of sixty thousand dollars, fifteen thousand of which sum to be retained ... by the superintendent of Indian affairs, to pay for the property of the whites destroyed by them during the late war."

—Treaty with the Rogue River (1853), Article 1. Indian Office (Oregon, 1844-1858, Ore. Sup. L., 323)



### Graphic Organizers

#### Timeline



#### Venn Diagram

