



HistoryLink.org

1411 4th Ave. Suite 804  
Seattle, WA 98101  
206.447.8140

**HistoryLink.org is the free online encyclopedia of Washington State history.** *To make it easier for you to fulfill the new state requirement to incorporate tribal history into K-12 social studies curricula, we have put together a set of resource lists identifying essays on HistoryLink that explore Washington's tribal history. Click on the linked essay number, or enter the number in the search box on HistoryLink.org.*

HistoryLink's content is produced by staff historians, freelance writers and historians, community experts, and supervised volunteers. All articles (except anecdotal "People's History" essays) are fully sourced and carefully edited before posting and updated or revised when needed. These essays are just a sampling of the tribal history available on HistoryLink. Search HistoryLink to find more and check back often for new content.

**Arquette, William "Chief" (1884-1943).** Musician and member of the Puyallup Indian Tribe. Over a decades-long career he played a number of different instruments in a number of bands and productions, including the United States Indian Band, Buffalo Bill Cody's *Wild West Show*, the John Philip Sousa Band, the Seattle Symphony, and others over a decades-long career. [11113](#)

**Chief Joseph (1840-1904)** Leader of the Wallowa band of the Nez Perce Tribe. Refused to move to a reservation and led his people in flight across the Rocky Mountains into Montana. [8975](#)

**Chief Kamiakin (ca. 1800-1877)** Leader of the Yakama Tribe. Signed the Walla Walla treaty under duress and later argued that he had been deceived. Key leader in the post-treaty Indian Wars during the 1850s. [10096](#)

**Chief Leschi (1808-1858)** Leader of the Nisqually Tribe. Leschi reluctantly signed the Treaty of Medicine Creek and was one of the leaders in the ensuing conflicts with non-Native settlers and the U.S. Army. [5145](#)

**Chief Moses (1829-1899)** Leader of the Columbia, or Sinkayuse, Indians. Sent to a Christian mission at a young age, but returned to his people and became one of the most influential Native leaders in the Northwest. [8870](#)

**Chief Owhi (d. 1858)** Leader of the Upper Yakama who lived in the Wenas and Kittitas valleys. He incorporated the agricultural practices of non-Native settlers into the tribe's farming methods and led his people during the post-treaty wars of the 1850s. [10719](#)

**Chief Seattle (Siʔal) 178?-1866)** Leader of the Duwamish and Suquamish tribes and a respected leader. Signed the Point Elliott (Mukilteo) Treaty and opposed attempts to drive out non-Native settlers during the Indian Wars. [5071](#)

**Chief Spokane Garry (ca. 1811-1892)** Leader of the Spokane Tribe. Educated at a missionary school in Canada, he opened a tribal school upon his return to teach reading, writing, and agricultural skills. Advocate for peace and fair land settlement. [8713](#)

**Chirouse, Father Eugene Casimir (1821-1892)** Missionary of the Catholic Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Established a school and church on the Tulalip Reservation and missions at other locations. [9033](#)

**Comcomly (1760s?-1830)** Leader among the Chinook Indian bands living along the lower Columbia River. Credited by many with ensuring peaceful relations during the early days of maritime fur trade in the area. [10042](#)

**DeLaCruz, Joseph "Joe" Burton, Jr. (1937-2000)** President of the Quinault Indian Nation. A leader in late-twentieth-century struggles for Native rights. [9877](#)

**Finlay, Jacques Raphael "Jaco" (1768-1828)** Canadian fur trader for the North West Company. Built Spokane House, the first trading post in what is now Washington, in 1810. [8411](#)

**Frank, Billy, Jr. (1931-2014)** Chair of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC). Fought to protect salmon runs and the Nisqually people's way of life. Recognized as a leader by Native and non-Native people. [8929](#)

**Hansen, Cecile** Chair of the Duwamish Tribe since 1975. Hansen has fought for tribal recognition and led efforts to build the Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center. [8963](#)

**Hilbert, Vi (1918-2008)** A member of the Upper Skagit Tribe, Hilbert spent her career working to preserve the Lushootseed language and culture, which she also taught at the University of Washington. She co-authored Lushootseed grammars and dictionaries, and published books of stories, teachings, and place names. [7130](#)

**Indian Henry (So-To-Lick) (ca. 1820-1895)** Klickitat or Yakama from Simco. Lived a life of peace and tolerance. Refused to give up Native American customs, but was comfortable living within the world of non-Native settlers. [8948](#)

**Jules, Charles (Schay nam'kin) (1846-1935)** Chief of the Snohomish Tribe. Owned a general store and ran a logging business at Tulalip. Assisted Father Casimir Chirouse in his missionary endeavors on the Tulalip Reservation. [9161](#)

**Kauffman, Claudia (b. 1959)** Member of the Nez Perce Tribe. First Native American woman elected to the senate of Washington state. Founded the Native Action Network to support Native American women. [9866](#)

**Kikisoblu (Princess Angeline) (1820?-1896)** Eldest daughter of Chief Seattle who lived in Seattle long after most Native people had been forced out of the city. [2493](#)

**Lokout (1834-1913)** Member of the Yakama Tribe. Fought many battles against the U.S. military before settling on the Spokane Reservation. [10451](#)

**Maynard, Dr. David Swinson "Doc" (1808-1873)** Seattle's first merchant, Indian agent, and physician. A friend of Chief Seattle, he employed Native people in a number of business ventures. [315](#)

**McDonald, Finan (1782-1851)** North West Company and Hudson's Bay Company fur trader who worked throughout the Inland Northwest in the nineteenth century. [9668](#)

**Moses, Marya D. (1911-2006)** Snohomish Indian, author, and mother of 11 children. Fished commercially and restored women to a place in the tribal fishing industry for women. [9134](#)

**Ogden, Peter Skene (1790-1854)** North West Company and Hudson's Bay Company fur trader and explorer whose activities ranged from British Columbia to California. [9693](#)

**Peone, Baptiste (1820-1902?)** Son of a French Canadian trapper and Indian mother. Chief of the Upper Spokane band of the Spokane Tribe, he worked as a fur trader for the Hudson's Bay Company. [8550](#)

**Plante, Antoine (ca. 1812-1890)** Son of a Gros Ventre Indian woman and a French Canadian man. Worked as a voyageur and trapper for the Hudson's Bay Company. He established the first commercial ferry service in Eastern Washington and guided many through the Intermountain West. [9606](#)

**Shelton, William (1868-1938): Autobiography (1914)** Shelton was a cultural leader of the Tulalip Tribes. He carved story poles and wrote *Indian Totem Legends* to share the legends depicted on the poles. [8906](#)

**Smohalla (1815?-1895)** Wanapum spiritual leader. Founded the Dreamer religion, which was embraced by many Native people on the Columbia Plateau. [9481](#)

**Sohon, Gustavus (1825-1903)** Prussian artist and U.S. Army private. Created a series of pencil sketches and watercolors of people and places that make up a priceless eyewitness record of a transitional period in Northwest Native culture. [8593](#)

**Stevens, Isaac Ingalls (1818-1862)** Washington's first territorial governor and Superintendent of Indian Affairs. Negotiated controversial treaties with Northwest Indians before dying in a Civil War battle. [5314](#)

**Swan, James G. (1818-1900)** Early non-Native settler who interacted extensively with Native people and recorded his experiences in books, newspaper articles, and diaries. [5029](#)

**Weaver, Timothy Roy (1944-2010)** Lawyer who specialized in Native American fishing rights. Won a series of precedent-setting court cases in favor of the Columbia River tribes. [9316](#)

**Whitebear, Bernie (1937-2000)** Sin-Aikst (Lakes) champion of Native American civil rights. Helped form the United Indians of All Tribes Foundation and led the symbolic invasion of Seattle's Fort Lawton that brought about the establishment of Daybreak Star Center. [5170](#)

**Whitman, Marcus (1802-1847)** Established a Christian mission on Cayuse land near Walla Walla. Difficult relations with the Cayuse and the assistance he gave to an ever-growing stream of non-Native settlers would lead to his death in a Cayuse attack in 1847. [10912](#)

**Whitman, Narcissa Prentiss (1808-1847)** Marcus Whitman's wife helped her husband establish the mission near Walla Walla and would also be killed in the 1847 attack. [10088](#)

**William Three Mountains the Elder (ca. 1823-1883) and William Three Mountains the Younger (1864-1937)** Leaders of the Spokane Tribe who guided the tribe during treaty negotiations and later legal battles. [9523](#)

Tribal History Resources are possible  
thanks to these sponsors:

