**A Short Reading Orientation and Two Documentaries about some Columbia Plateau Groups including the Colville and Wenatchi: a Study Guide**

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation: a Brief History (w/ maps):

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=ac4721130e424df786eb06dbbb4a5880>

This is a site that has two videos that places the voices of Indian people in a leading role. (I will use *Indian* here because that is the way they have referred to themselves for the most part). In much of these materials the role of homeland and dispossession are emphasized. While the importance of place is also significant in the documentary This Living Salish Sea that we will also see, First Nations people there are a major part of the story but not always the subject of it. In all three, though, place and region are hugely important. I hope that those of you who are hoping to be teachers will find this useful.

I have focused on these groups rather than the Yakama because their stories are better known and written about. The failure of the Federal government to live up to their treaty and other legal obligations is a significant, even central, part of the history of all of these groups. Roberta Ulrich and others have done some excellent historical and advocacy work about the Yakama on the Columbia. Just send me an email and I can send you some excellent references.

Please page through and read through the site above just to get an orientation, and then view both of the following videos. For the first one about the Wenatchi, take notes at approximately the density that I have written viewing questions for some documentaries. There will be some questions on the next quiz about the story.

Embedded in the site above: False Promises video 57 min Wenatchi Group <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QjSLyotyC-Q>

For the Kettle Falls story linked below, observe the scenery and develop a general awareness of themes, especially the connection expressed to place and fishing. I grew up near the edge of this region, and never was taught a single thing in school about what the meaning of Kettle Falls was or its recent history. I remember going up there for basketball games, track meets and other activities and never once did I come across anything at all about this story you will see here. And yes, that was the 1970s when there will still many, many people living who experienced the big changes described here. I knew two Colville Indian brothers, Frank and Art R.\*, who would have been children when the place got flooded, and they never mentioned anything about it either. Frank sometimes expressed bitterness about having to work in agriculture to survive, but never said why. Art was almost always cheerful and told me to not pay too much attention to Frank when he got grouchy. (I knew both for various years when I was doing orchard work in my teens.)

Embedded in site at top of page: Kettle Falls Fishery (15 minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=git0Uq9Fj4Q>

\*I have not used their last name here as perhaps they are still living, and I have not sought their permission to do so.

This is only a study guide for upcoming quiz.