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TEXT-BASED EDITION

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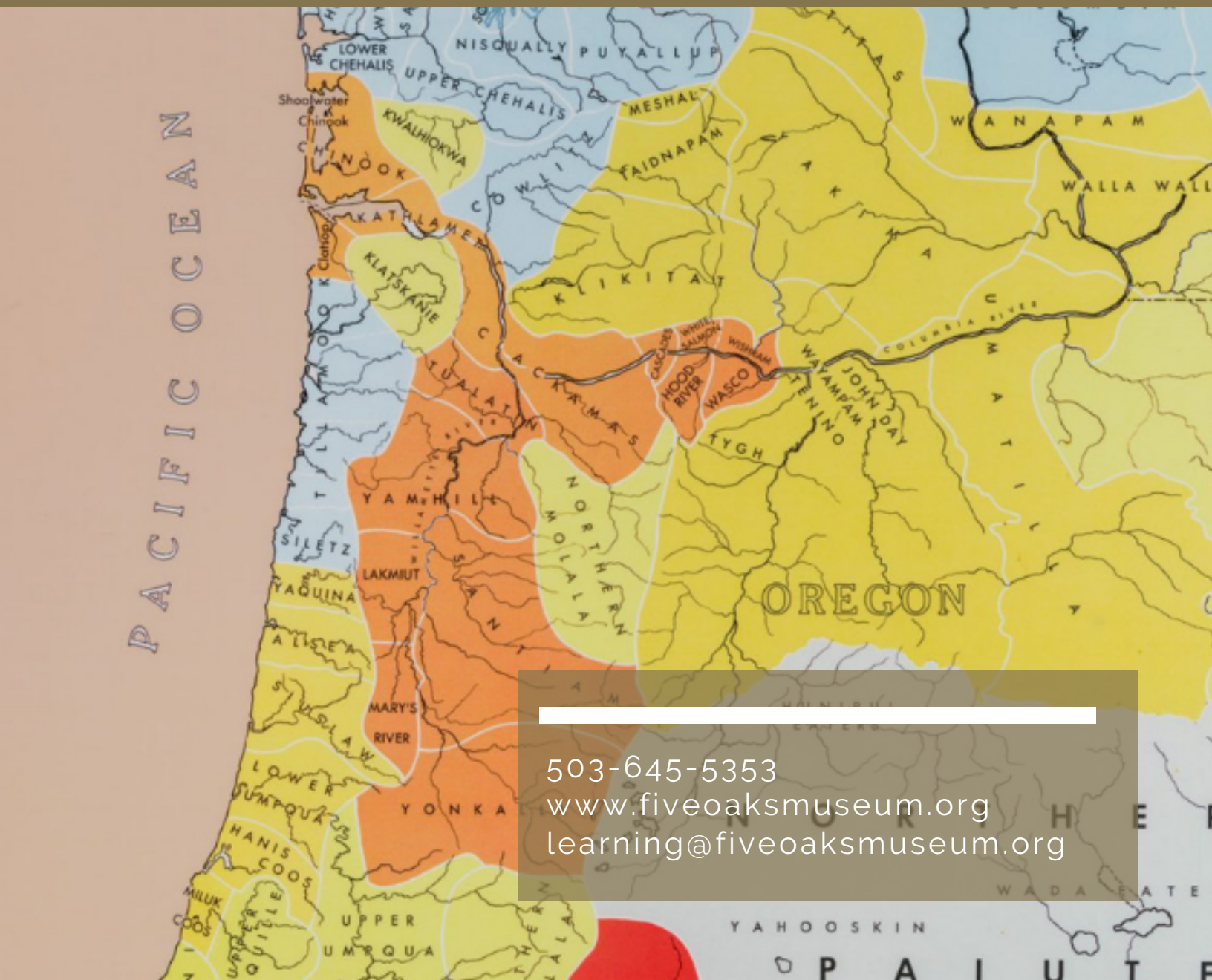

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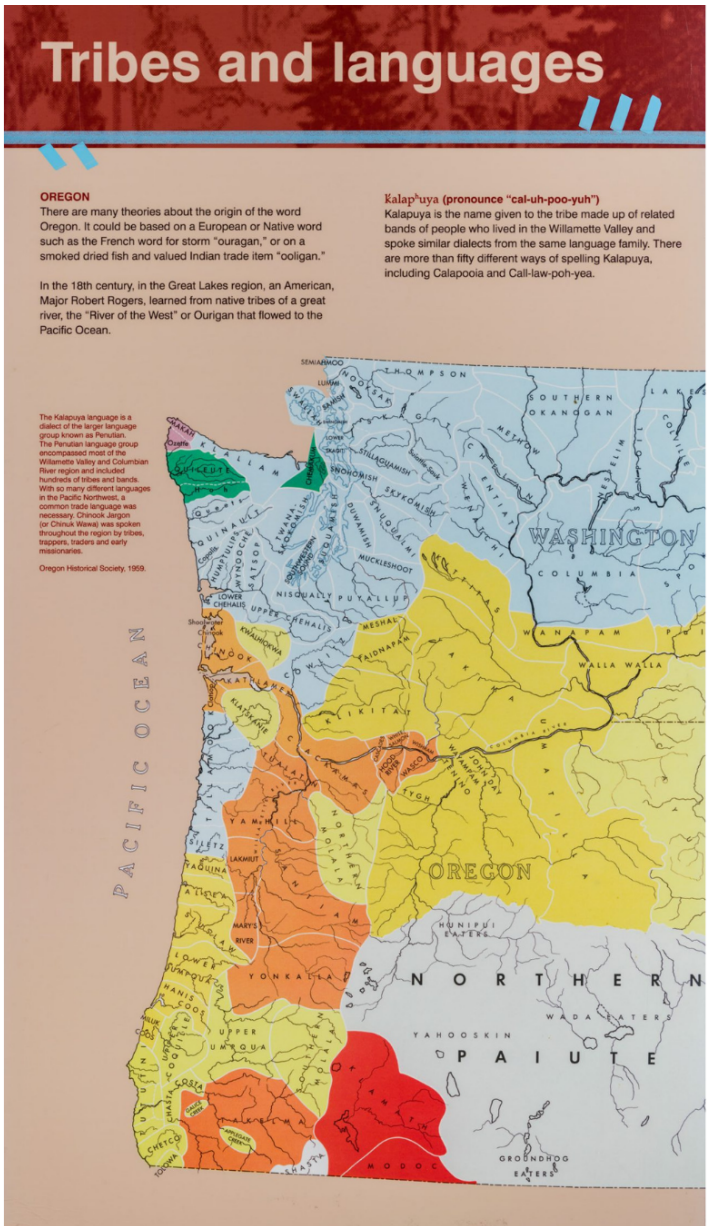
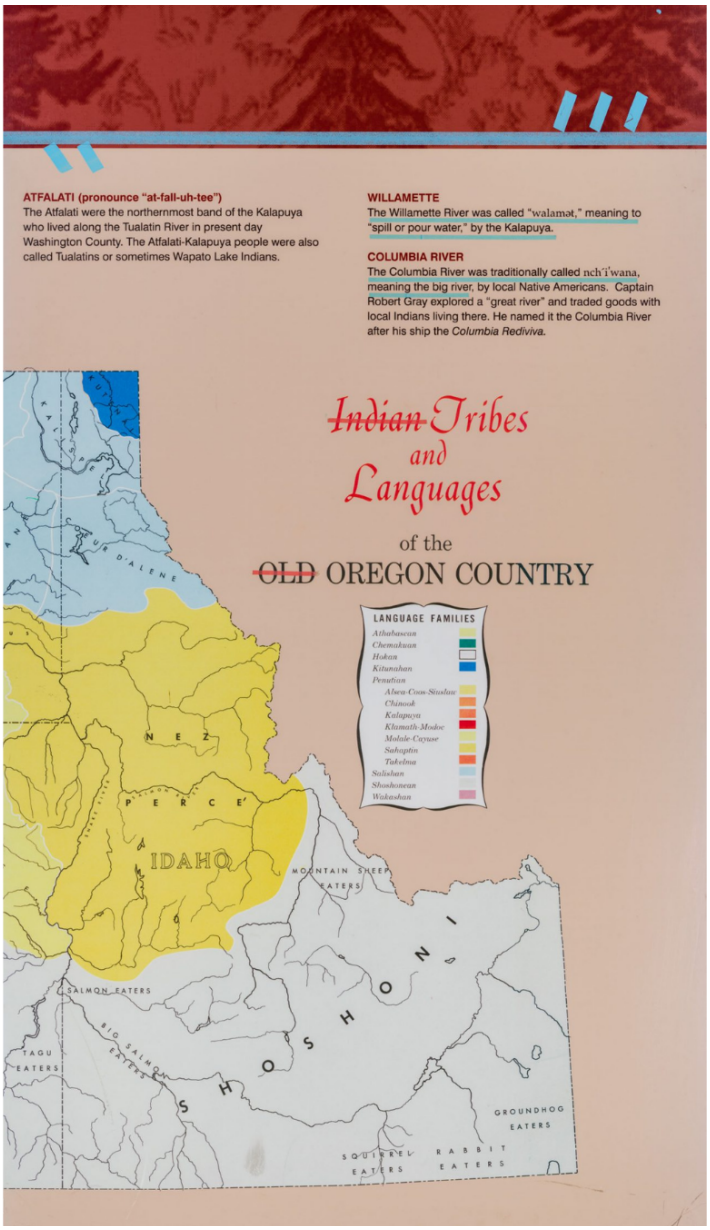
WHAT'S ON THE MAP?





The map key explains the colors used on the map. **Circle the map key.**

The Pacific Ocean is labeled on the west side of the map. **Circle the ocean.**

If you live in Oregon, Washington, or Idaho, you live in the area that the U.S. used to call the Oregon Country before the area became three U.S. states. **Draw a star where you live on the map.**

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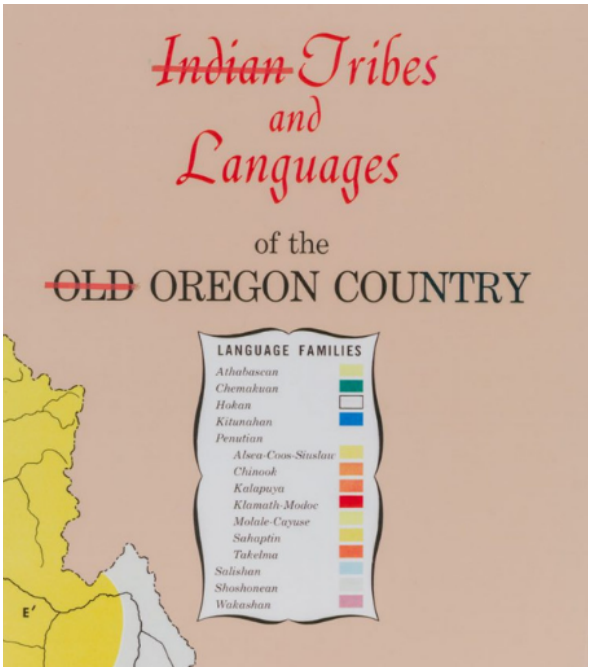
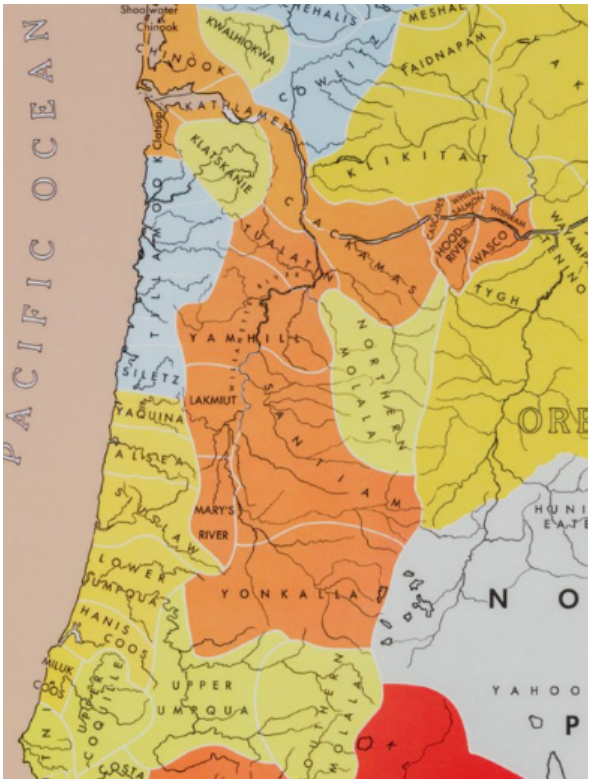


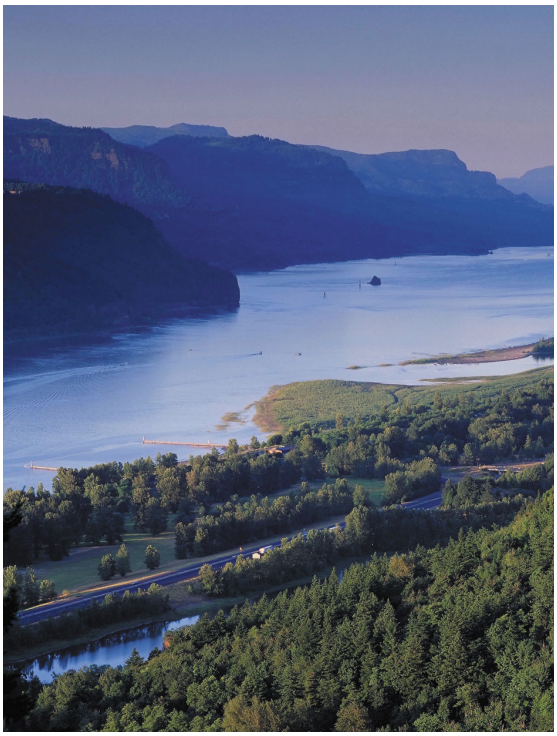
Notice the words that Steph crossed out on the original title of the map. If you live in Oregon, Washington, or Idaho, you live in the area that the U.S. used to call the Oregon Country before the area became three U.S. states. Britain and the U.S. both tried to claim the Oregon Country, but the map shows how many tribes already lived here.

Why do you think Steph crossed out the words in the original title of the map?



KALAPUYAN LAND

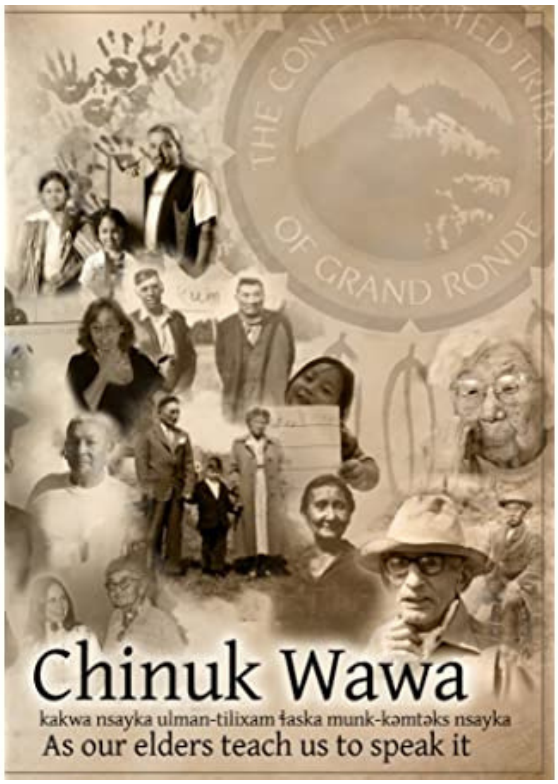
The light orange area on this map shows where the Kalapuya language is spoken. Today, this area is called the Willamette Valley. The tribes in each part of the valley spoke a different dialect of the Kalapuya language. There are many ways of spelling Kalapuya, including Calapooia. The Atfalati were the northernmost band of the Kalapuya who lived along the Tualatin River. They spoke the Tualatin dialect.



NAMES OF RIVERS

The Willamette River was called Walamet, meaning to “spill or pour water” by the Kalapuya. The Columbia River was traditionally called Nchi’wana, meaning "the big river."

In 1792, American ship captain Robert Gray renamed the big river after his ship, the Columbia Rediviva. The ship was named after Christopher Columbus.



CHINUK WAWA

With so many different languages in the Pacific Northwest, a common trade language was necessary. Chinuk Wawa was spoken throughout the region by tribes, trappers, traders, and missionaries. It is made up of words from Chinook and many tribal languages. When disparate tribes were removed to the Grand Ronde reservation, they spoke Chinuk Wawa to create a new self-governing society together. The language almost went extinct when it was banned by U.S. agents.

Today, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde teach Chinuk Wawa in school so a new generation grows up speaking the shared language.

Think about names of places near you. What places are named Native words? What places are named after settlers?

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Persuasive Writing

The names of places and things have an impact. Do you think that the big river should be renamed back to its native name, Nchi'wana? Or, do you think that the big river should keep its settler name, Columbia? Why or why not?

List key facts to prepare your writing:

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Write a persuasive paragraph using facts to convince someone to support your opinion. Be sure to include an introduction sentence and a conclusion.