

# EXPLORER GUIDE

3-4 Grade

## ORIGINS

**WATCH** – the images on the mountain projection wall

**TOUCH** - the interactive river stream



**DISCUSS** – How does water shape our landscape?

**WATCH** – At least two of the creation stories from Idaho's five federally-recognized tribes.

**DISCUSS**- What do these stories have in common? What did Coyote do? What can we learn from Coyote?



**READ** – The natural history text panels.

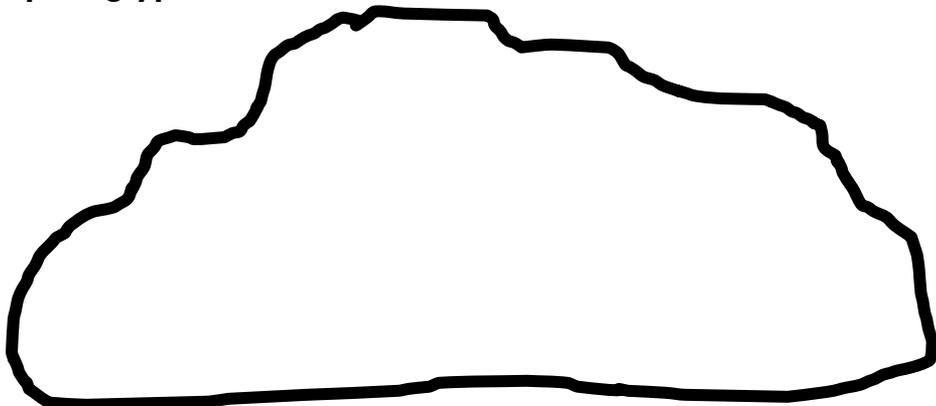
**TOUCH** – the furs, rattlesnake rattle, and other animal artifacts.

**DISCUSS** – What kinds of landscapes are best for these animals? What do animals need to live in their habitats?

**SEE**– The petroglyph reproduction.

Petroglyphs are images created by carving rock. Idaho is home to petroglyphs created by Native Americans over 10,000 years ago. Historians aren't sure who specifically created them or what they mean. They represent a sacred place for Idaho's native people.

**DRAW** – Identify some of the symbols on the petroglyph. Draw them below.



## NORTHERN IDAHO

**WATCH – “The Big Burn”**

**READ – The text panels below the film.**

What caused The Big Burn?



What can we do to prevent forest fires from happening?

**SEE – the mining artifacts**

What was life like for a miner?

What did miners come to Idaho looking for?

**SOLVE** – Gold was discovered in the Clearwater Valley in 1860. If I found 2 gold nuggets every day for 10 days, how many gold nuggets would I have?

$$2 \times 10 = \underline{\quad}$$

**READ** – The text panel on the Nez Perce War.

**SEE** – the sketches by a member of the Nez Perce tribe during the Nez Perce War

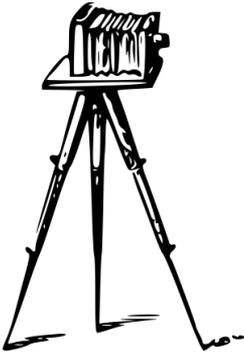
What does the picture show happening?

Why do you think the artist made this picture?

**SEE – The desk and chair from the United States Capitol in 1863 when Idaho became a territory.**

**DISCUSS – Why did the territorial Capitol move from Lewiston to Boise in 1865?**

Do you think Lewiston or Boise is a better place for Idaho's capitol? Why?



**SEE – the films made by Nell Shipman and the photographs taken by Nellie Stockbridge.**

What do you like about these films and photographs?

**DISCUSS- Why is it important for us to keep historic pictures and films? What can we learn about the past through old photographs?**

## CENTRAL IDAHO

**WATCH- the “Lonesome Larry” video.**



Why are less salmon returning to Redfish Lake?

**DISCUSS – An endangered species is an animal that is close to being extinct. This means there are not many left. Why is it important for us to protect endangered species? What other endangered species can you think of?**

**SEE – the artifacts from the Civilian Conservation Corps.**

**DISCUSS- What were some projects the CCC worked on?**

**SOLVE – \$30 a month was a common wage for men in the CCC. If a man worked for the CCC for one year (12 months) how much money would they have made?**

$$30 \times 12 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

**WATCH- the video in the fire.**

**READ – “Early Preservationists” text panels**

**DISCUSS – Why was it important to early Idahoans to preserve Idaho’s wilderness?**

**READ – The “Preserving Wilderness” text panel.**

What percentage of Idaho’s land is wilderness?



**WATCH – The Sun Valley Skiing Video.**

**SEE – the skis in the floor of the “slope”**

**READ – “Playtime on the Slopes” text panel**

Why did Averell Harriman want to open a ski resort in Sun Valley?

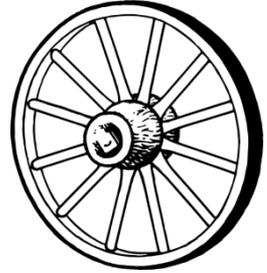
**DISCUSS - If you were going to take a vacation in Idaho, where would you want to go? What about that place is fun, special, or interesting?**

## SOUTHERN IDAHO

**SEE – The Covered Wagon**

**PLAY – The Oregon Trail Game.**

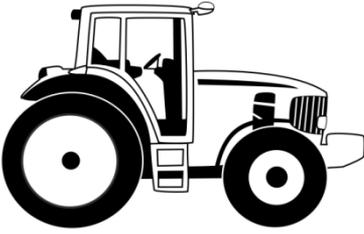
What did you learn from the choices you made in the game?



**SOLVE – The average wagon could carry up to 1500 lbs. If you had 5 bags of flour that each weighed 50lbs, how much would your bags of flour weigh? Could they fit in the wagon?**

$$50 + 50 + 50 + 50 + 50 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

**DISCUSS – Pioneers encountered many difficulties in their journey west such as disease, bad weather, difficult terrain, and lack of supplies. Which obstacle do you think would be most difficult and why?**



**SEE – The agricultural tools display.**

**READ – “Idaho Agriculture: Then and Now” Text Panel**

How are these tools and equipment different than the tools and equipment we use for farming today?

**DISCUSS –Why is agriculture important in Idaho?**

What kinds of foods do we grow in Idaho?

**SEE – The INL Control Panel**

**READ – The “Idaho Goes Nuclear” Text Panel**

Nuclear power works by reactions between atoms causing bursts of energy.

**DISCUSS – What are some ways we make energy in Idaho?**

**READ – The Boise Mural Text Panels**

**WATCH – The Boise Bike Tour**

**DISCUSS – How has Boise changed over the years?**

What are some historic parts of Boise you know about?