

EXPLORER GUIDE

7-9 Grade

ORIGINS

WATCH – the images on the mountain projection wall

TOUCH - the interactive river stream



DISCUSS – Idaho has a diverse landscape. In what ways does Idaho’s landscape affect our way of life?

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

DISCUSS- What do these creation stories have in common? What are their differences?

SEE – The Native American artifacts case.

DISCUSS – What artifacts did you find interesting or surprising? Why?

READ – The natural history text panels.

DISCUSS – What are some natural forces that shape our landscape? What are specific examples?

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, but they represent sacred sites for Idaho's native peoples.

DRAW - Identify some of the symbols on the petroglyph and draw them below.

NORTHERN IDAHO

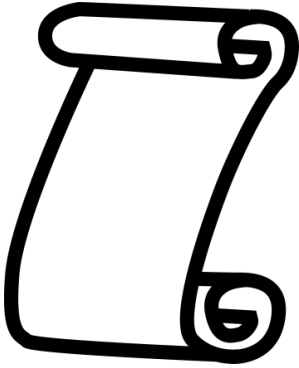
WATCH –“The Big Burn”

READ – The text panels below the film.

What are some effects of wildfires in Idaho?



What has been done to control or prevent wildfires in Idaho? How have these measures affected people? The ecosystem?



READ – the panel titled “Treaties and Rights”.

What were the main points of the treaty of 1855?

What sparked the beginning of the Nez Perce war in 1877? Why was that event so impactful?

SOLVE – Reservation Reduction. If the Nez Perce reservation was 7.5 million acres in 1855, but the treaty of 1877 shrunk the size of the reservation 90%, how many acres was left for the Nez Perce tribe?

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

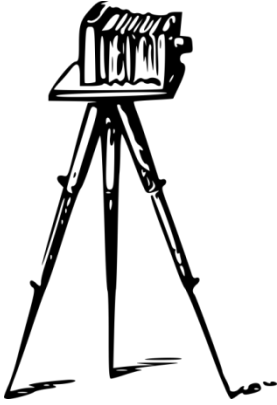
What can we learn about the Nez Perce war through these sketches?

SEE – The desk and chair from the United States capitol in 1863 when Idaho was declared a territory.

What was one of the main reasons people came by steamboat to Lewiston?

DISCUSS- What are some reasons the capitol moved to Boise?

What are the benefits and disadvantages of moving the capitol from Lewiston to Boise?



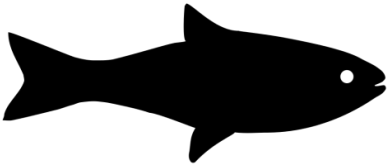
SEE – the films made by Nell Shipman and the photographs taken by Nellie Stockbridge. What do you enjoy about these films and photographs?

DISCUSS- Why is it important for us to capture history in photographs and on film? What can we learn from historic photographs and films?

CENTRAL IDAHO

WATCH- the “Lonesome Larry” video.

What are the main reasons there are less salmon returning to Redfish Lake?



“At one time, more than 150,000 salmon used to make the 900-mile journey each year from the Pacific Ocean to Idaho’s Snake River Basin. By the time the Snake River Sockeye were listed as endangered under the Endanger Species Act in 1991, the only surviving population in Idaho was at Redfish Lake and their numbers had dwindled to fewer than ten returning fish.”

-Idaho Sierra Club

DISCUSS - Why is it important for us to preserve endangered species?

SEE – the artifacts from the Civilian Conservation Corps.

DISCUSS- What was the purpose of the CCC during the great depression?

Do you think it accomplished its goals? Why or why not?

WATCH- the video in the fire.

DISCUSS – What was the strategy to convince lawmakers and businessmen to preserve Idaho’s Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness? Was it effective at preserving Idaho’s primitive lands?

READ – “Preserving Wilderness” text panel.

SOLVE - How much of Idaho is preserved wilderness? If California and Alaska are the only two states with more preserved wilderness, write a proportion to illustrate Idaho’s ranking for most preserved wilderness.



WATCH – The Sun Valley Skiing Video.

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

READ – “Playtime on the Slopes” text panel

What was the original reason Averell Harriman wanted to open a ski resort in Sun Valley?

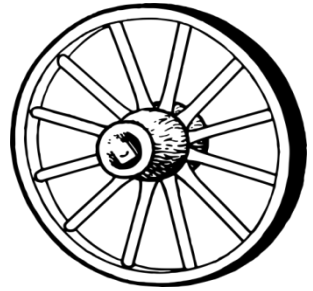
What makes Sun Valley such a desirable winter vacation spot?

SOUTHERN IDAHO

SEE – The Covered Wagon

PLAY – The Oregon Trail Game.

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



SOLVE – If the average covered wagon could hold 1500 lbs, how many 50lb bags of flour could you fit inside a wagon?

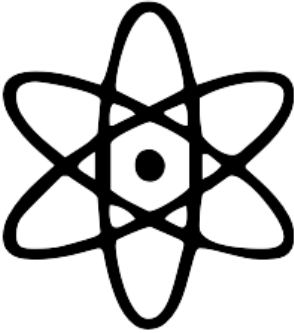
DISCUSS – Pioneers encountered many difficulties in their journey west. Which obstacle do you think would be most difficult and why?

- a) Disease
- b) Weather
- c) Packing enough supplies
- d) Terrain

SEE – The agricultural tools display.

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

DISCUSS –As you compare information about agriculture in Idaho’s southern region, how has agriculture played a role in Idaho’s development?



SEE – The INL Control Panel

READ – The “Idaho Goes Nuclear” Text Panel

**DISCUSS – What are some benefits of nuclear power?
What are some concerns?**

READ – The Boise Mural Text Panels

WATCH— The Boise Bike Tour

DISCUSS – How has Boise changed over the years? Fill out the Venn Diagram below.

