

## Communication in History: The Key to Understanding Idaho Topic List

### Communication is spoken

- Radio broadcasts in Idaho history
- FDR's fireside chats and impact on Idahoans
- Sacajawea and the Corps of Discovery - Lewis and Clark journals
- Tribal legends

### Communication is written

- How have newspapers in Idaho covered local, national, and international events?
  - Murder of Gov. Steunenberg and the "Trial of the Century"
- Early Idaho explorers shared discoveries through newspapers, journals, photographs, etc.
  - Robert Limbert and Craters of the Moon
  - Carol Ryrie Brink
  - James P. Beckwourth – stories of early settlement
  - John and Jesse Fremont
  - Captain Benjamin Bonneville
  - Jesse A. Applegate
  - Robert and Carrie Strahorn, exploring, advertising, planning Idaho towns
- How did the invention of the telegraph impact communication in Idaho?
- Authors
  - Ernest Hemmingway
  - Mary Hallock Foote
  - Vardis Fisher
  - Irene Grissom
- Letter writing in Idaho history
  - Soldiers
  - Early settlers
  - Political leaders
  - The Old Idaho State Penitentiary inmates
  - "Mailing" May Pierstorff

### Communication is heard and received

- Chief Joseph's surrender speech in 1877
- Impact of the telephone on Idaho history
- Education
  - Early explorers, settlers, and mountain men taught by Native Americans
  - Idaho schools

### Communication happens in gatherings

- Protests in Idaho

- Register Rock (near American Falls) on the Oregon Trail
- Bill Wassmuth and the founding of the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights
- Labor disputes such as the Bunker Hill Mine disaster
- Idaho churches
- Rendez-vous

Communication is a key part of civics and government

- Amy Trice and Kootenai Tribe declaring war on the U.S. Government
- Tribal government and Joseph Garry of the Coeur D'Alene tribe
- Political debates
- Political ads
- Political cartoons
- Political Investigations
  - The Church Committee led by Sen. Frank Church of Idaho
- The Dawes Act implementation
- How did suffragists use communication to promote their cause in Idaho?
  - Francena Kellogg Buck
  - May Hutton
- The Temperance Movement in Idaho
- Idaho's Constitutional Convention

Language is a key component to communication

- American sign language
- Indigenous tribal languages at American Indian Boarding schools
- Dr. Robinson and the Psychiana Religion
- Basque Boarding Houses

Miscommunications are a key part of the story

- The Whitman Massacre– harmful communication
- The theft of the Idaho state capitol

Images and Imagery can communicate thoughts, opinions or ideas

- Basque arborglyphs
- Petroglyphs in Celebration Park
- Idaho artists and photographers
  - Jane Gaye
  - James Charles Castle
  - Nellie Stockbridge
  - Archie Boyd Teater
  - Mary Hallock Foote
- Philo T. Farnsworth and the invention of the TV, impact of the television
- How has press coverage of Idaho events influenced perceptions of Idahoans?
- How have televised debates influenced elections in Idaho?

- World War I and II propaganda posters/films
- Dance
  - Juanita "Jay" Uberuaga Hormaechea

#### Music

- Gene Harris
- Paul Revere and the Raiders
- Mildred Bailey



