

# EXPLORER GUIDE

5-6 Grade

## ORIGINS

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

**TOUCH** - the interactive river stream



**DISCUSS** – How do we use water in Idaho?

**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?



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

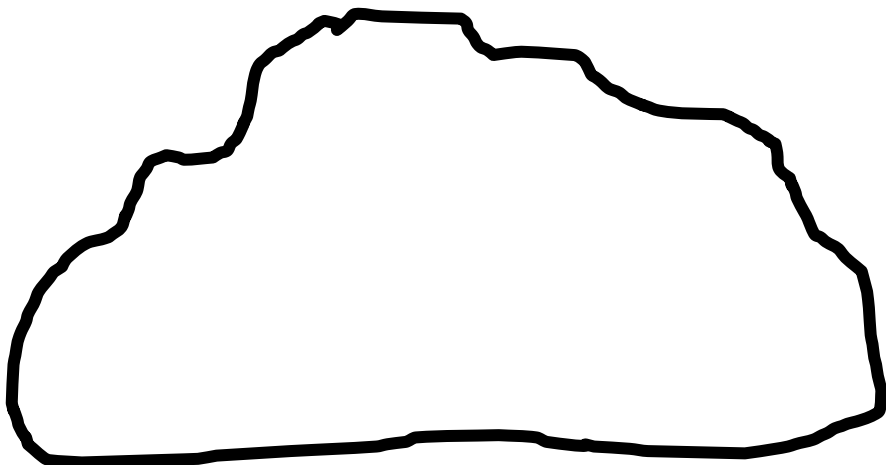
**TOUCH** – the furs and other animal artifacts.

**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?



After the Big Burn the Forest Service tried to put out every fire. How did that affect the environment?

**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. Subtract the 1860 from the current year to find out how many years ago Elias Pierce started the mining craze in Northern Idaho.

**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 from 1863 when Idaho became a territory.**

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

Do you think Lewiston or Boise is a better place for the state capitol? Why?



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

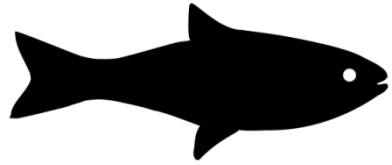
What do you like about these films and photographs?

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

## CENTRAL IDAHO

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

Why are less salmon returning to Redfish Lake?



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

**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 working in the CCC. If a man worked for the CCC for one year (12 months) how much money would they have made?**

**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**

What was the original reason Averell Harriman wanted 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?**

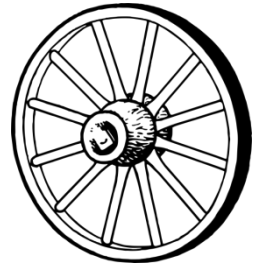


## SOUTHERN IDAHO

**SEE – The Covered Wagon**

**PLAY – The Oregon Trail Game.**

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



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

$$1500 \div 50 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

**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**

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

**DISCUSS – 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.

**DRAW – the shape of an atom.**

**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?