

Teachers Notes

Colville Tribal Government

Outline of powerpoint

Hello Teachers! The notes below will explain each slide in depth for you to use in your classrooms. If you have any questions I will attach resources for you to look at!

Slide 2: Generalized information

- Colville Tribe is an Executive Order Tribe established in July 1872 and is located on a 1.4 million acre reservation in North Central Washington.
- There are approximately 10,000 tribal members that are enrolled at the tribe, which also includes descendants.
- Unlike most tribes, the CCT is composed of 12 distinct tribes: San Poil, Nespelem, Okanogan, Lakes, Colville, Methow, Chelan, Entiat, Wenatchee, Moses-Columbia, Nez Perce, and Palus. These tribes were not all relocated to the reservation at the same time but had inhabited the area for hundreds of years. The Moses-Columbia tribe had their own reservation which also included some of the neighboring tribes but later on had been moved to the Colville Reservation instead.
- Since there are so many tribes, 4 dialects are spoken by the CCT. This is the Okanogan dialect (San Poil, Nespelem, Okanogan, Lakes, Colville, Methow), Moses-Columbia (Chelan, Entiat, Wenatchee, Moses-Columbia), titoqatimt (Nez Perce), and paluspam (Palus).
- *On a side note- The term "Colville" is not a traditional word, Fort Colville was established nearby and was a major location for trade.

Slide 3: Traditional Territories

- The Colville Reservation is located in the North Central part of Washington State and is a part of the Plateau Culture Area. The Plateau Culture Area consists of tribes that inhabited the high plateau areas between the Rocky Mountains, Coastal Mountains, and Coast line. Although the tribes are located in the same area, it's important to know that each tribe has their own unique language, culture, and religion.
- The CCT Reservation has 1.4 million acres presently and 39 million acres of Aboriginal Territories.
- The reservation is currently only a 1/3 of the original reservation established by the Executive Order in 1872. The reason is, the federal government found resources in the northern part of the original reservation. Therefore it was dwindled to what it is today.

Slide 4: 12 tribes

- The 12 tribes are listed with their names written in the language, below are the English translations. They are also broken down into dialects and the map is a representation of the aboriginal territories. The place names direct translations tell something about the landscape.

Slide 5: Executive Order vs. Treaty Tribe.

- For students it's important to understand the difference between the two, although they are similar. An Executive Order is established by the president directly but has less rights. Treaties are an agreement between two or more sovereign governments treaty rights can be retained.
- For more information, watch Mel Tonaskets Video on Tribal Sovereignty.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SaTC0kv7uQ4>

Slide 6: Is the CCT an Executive Order or Treaty Tribe?

- April 9, 1872 President Grant established an Executive Order
- While the CCT is an Executive Order some tribes also possess sub-treaties. Most widely known is the 1855 Treaty with the Wenatchee people and their hunting and fishing rights.
- Another case is also the Lakes tribe. This tribe fought long for their hunting rights up into Canada

Slide 7: Chiefs

- Before the modern government, each of the 12 tribes had their own chief that represented the people. This was passed down to the eldest son, if the chief did not have a son then it would get passed down to the eldest daughter's husband. However, some chiefs were appointed due to their characteristics and leadership.
- The pictures are of the last known chiefs to the CCT.
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Slide 8: Tribal Council

- Moving onto a more modern government, the Colville reservation is split into 4 districts: Omak, Nespelem, Keller, and Inchelium.
- There are a total of 14 councilmen that represent the CCT and make up the Colville Business Council.
 - Omak- 4 representatives
 - Nespelem- 4 representatives
 - Inchelium- 4 representatives
 - Keller- 2 representatives (this is because Keller is the smallest district)
- The Colville Business Council oversees a multi-million dollar corporation that employs 900-1200 people. Their job is to establish policies/resolutions that improve the economic condition of the tribe.
- Nespelem District Reps (in order of presentation)
 - Sharlene Zacherle
 - Andy Joseph Jr.
 - Alison Boyd-Ball
 - Jarred Michael-Erickson (Chairman)
- Omak District Reps

- Norma Sanchez
- Mel Tonasket
- Karen Condon (Vice Chairman)
- Dustin Best
- Incheilium District Reps
 - Roger Finley
 - Debra Wulff
 - Steven Carson
 - Cindy Marchand
 - Keller District Reps
 - Patrick Tonasket
 - Joseph Somday
- Article I—The Business Council Section 1—Chairman of the Business Council: The Chairman of the Business Council shall preside over all meetings of the Business Council. He shall perform all duties of the Chairman and exercise authority delegated to him by the Business Council. He shall vote only in the case of a tie. Section 2—Vice-Chairman of the Business Council: The Vice-Chairman of the Business Council shall assist the Chairman when called upon to do so. In the absence of the Chairman, he shall preside. When so presiding, he shall have the rights, privileges and duties, as well as the responsibilities of the Chairman.

Slide 9: Elections Process

- Councilman serve 2 year terms with 7 reps being elected every election.
- To run for council, candidates must be over the age of 18 years old and write a petition and complete an application before the Primary Elections. Once the application is accepted the candidate will then make an announcement to their designated districts of their running. There usually will be a deadline for applications as shown in the powerpoint.
- Once all candidates have been accepted they will move on to the Primary Elections for the CCT membership to vote. The candidates with the most votes will move on to General Elections.
- Finalists move onto General Elections and the CCT membership will vote for council reps for the final time. After an official count, the top 2 councilmen will be sworn in from each district (except Keller, only 1 candidate), this is usually around July.

Slide 10: CCT Tribal Structure

- This chart shows how the tribe operates. CCT membership is at the top, every 2 yrs they vote for 7 new council members.
- Below the Colville Business Council is the Executive Director: Cody Desatuel.
- There are a total of 5 divisions each with their own program directors.
 - Veterans and Centralized Services
 - Employment and Education
 - Healthy and Human Services
 - Natural Resources and Tero

- Public Safety

Slide 11: Committee Meetings

- Committees are made up of the different divisions in the tribe. Every 2 yrs council members are elected in June of that year and are sworn in in July. Positions are alternated each year so council members can maintain constant presence.
- At the swearing in ceremony, Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected but also each committee is appointed a representative that will oversee that committee during their term.
- Committee meetings are held the 1st & 3rd full week of each month. Here CBC will consider budgets/proposals to be approved as well as any issues that need to be addressed.
- After a proposal is approved it will move forward to a resolution. A resolution is a "A firm decision approved by CBC through an approval process where majority of CBC votes yes."
 - "In comparison, it's a law that the CCT membership must follow and CBC will help enforce "
 - Ex.- 2015 ki lut vs yes no resolution passed by CBC. When following Robert Rules of Law, council shall vote yes or no by saying ki or lut

Slide 12: Robert Rules of Order

- CBC has to follow a strict "Robert Rules of Order." This ensures that all matters are handled fairly. A meeting schedule is broken down in the powerpoint for you to follow.
- In order to approve any matter (proposal, budget, etc.) majority of CBC has to vote "yes" to make a resolution. If CBC votes are evenly split, the Chairman will be the deciding factor.

Slide 12: Committee/Committee Chairs

- CBC has designated days for each committee to present .
 - The CBC that oversees that particular committee is on the left hand side and if the 1st council rep is absent, then the 2nd council rep will take over, located on the right side.

Slide 13: This will conclude the presentation! Thank you for your time to learn about the Colville Tribal Government!