

UNIT 3: ELEMENTARY -- UNITED STATES HISTORY

LEGACY FOR US TODAY: ELWHA

(OPTIONAL) SALMON, THE LIFE GIVING GIFT (FREEING THE ELWHA (Lesson 8)

Instructional Support Materials:

[Salmon the Life Giving Gift \(Lesson 8\)](#)

[Salmon the Life Giving Gift Essay](#)

Lesson Overview:

Students will be given a handout to read which includes an Introduction, an account by a Salmon Priest of the Skagit River, and two legends. Students will examine the two stories for the themes of greed, sacrifice and renewal. They will then investigate the relationship of the Klallam Tribe to the salmon of the Elwha River before the dams were built and after the dams were built. Students will organize information into a chart. Using the information they have gathered from the stories and on their chart, students will use the writing process to compose their own story about how the salmon returned to the Elwha River.

Time: Two block class periods

Guiding Question:

Salmon play a crucial role in the lives of Pacific Northwest Native people. How are salmon truly the "life giving gift" to the Elwha River and the Klallam People that live along its banks?

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