



History Lessons to Go!

Point of View - part 1



This app-based exploration is best for students in grades 7-12.

Learn about Washington Territorial Governor Isaac Stevens' historic 1855 campaign to draft treaty agreements with Washington Territory Indians by completing the questions on this worksheet as you use the app.

Use this activity sheet with the museum's FREE app, WA State History Museum. Each virtual gallery tour in the app provides "stops" that feature exhibition highlights. Activity sheets have associated questions or actions for various stops on the app tours.

How to get the app:

For **Android** and **Windows** devices, use the web-based application at this link:

<https://web-app.cuseum.com/?Washington-state-history-museum>
For **iPhones**, go to the Apple App Store, type in "WA State History Museum." Click "open" and you'll be prompted to download the app to your phone.

Stop #1 Native American Life Before Treaties

What are some of the natural resources that were key to sustaining life for Northwest Native peoples?

Many tribes, including the Nisqually or Squally-absch, gathered food seasonally. List three foods that would have been harvested or prepared for each of the four seasons: spring, summer, fall, winter.

Stop #2 Early Settlers and the Coming of the Railroad

Why did American settlers choose to migrate west? Name one reason.

Stop #3 The Treaty Trail

After reading the short article and listening to the video, list some of the impacts you think that treaties had for Native people.

What were the impact of treaties on the American settlers?

Stop #4 The Walla Walla Treaty Council – May 1855

Each treaty negotiation played out differently but this story provides an example of how one treaty was signed. After you read the text, consider the following questions: What were the primary objectives of Isaac Stevens as an agent of the United States government? Support your answer with a quote from the text.

What were the objectives of the Native American leaders involved? Remember that each tribe might have a different perspective, seen by their leaders' engagement in the treaty council.

How do you think life would be different today if treaties hadn't been signed with Native American tribes?