

Is the Grand Coulee Dam an Example of Social Progress?

Essential Question:

How do we as a society define the meaning of progress?

Objective:

Analyze the impact of the Grand Coulee Dam on United States citizens and Native Americans in order to explain how it changed their lives and evaluate whether it should be considered a symbol of social progress.

Subject:

Social Studies/ELA

Grade level:

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Links to Text Based Resources:

1. <http://digitalcollections.lib.washington.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/grandcoulee/id/672/rec/20> - Primary source (speech transcript) extolling the benefits of the Dam in 1945
2. http://depts.washington.edu/depress/grand_coulee.shtml -Secondary source describing the benefits of the dam on a larger scale
3. <http://aliciapatterson.org/stories/grand-coulee-savior-whites-disaster-indians> - article with an interview commentary with a resident of the Coulville Reservation describing negative impacts of the dam on local Native Americans

