



THE BOARDING SCHOOL & CUSHMAN PROJECT: EUROPEAN CONTACT IN WASHINGTON STATE

WRITING PROMPTS

Please pick one of the following categories for your written response, use the questions below each topic to guide and fill in your response.

Historic Perspective Reflection:

There are two sides of every story and different perspectives on each historical event.

- Why do you think only one perspective is often shared in Washington State History?
 - Is it important to know both sides and perspectives of an event? Why or why not?
- Should the truth be shared about historical events, even if it causes discomfort and pain to hear?
 - How did you feel hearing and reading Washington State History from the perspective of the First People of this land?

Share some differences that you noticed from this perspective versus the perspective that is typically shared in Washington State history.

Personal Reflection:

- How would you feel if a group holding power and dominance came into your neighborhood, town, city, or state and removed you and your family from your homes, took away your food and replaced it with unfamiliar food, altered your natural environment and exploited it for its rich natural resources?
 - Please envision this – explain how you would feel, what it would affect: short/long term, small/large scale, emotionally, physically, etc.
- If you were this minority group, how would you feel if this story was inaccurately represented for hundreds of years?