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**Office of Native Education: September Care Package**

**Bite (5-10 minutes)**

[Indian Affairs Makes Significant Investment to Protect and Preserve Native Languages](https://www.bia.gov/news/indian-affairs-makes-significant-investment-protect-and-preserve-native-languages)

Discussion/reflection questions:

* What are the reasons citied in the release about the importance of protecting, restoring, and preserving tribal languages?
* Do you see any Tribes near your district who have received a Living Languages Grant Program grant?

**Snack (30 minutes)**

[**Vi Hilbert telling Lifting the Sky**](https://vimeo.com/311027152)**(video)**

Discussion/reflection questions:

* According to the narrative:
  + Why does the Puget Sound area speak so many different languages?
  + How did the people solve this problem and how does this differ from the “American Experience” when it comes to not speaking a common language?
* What is your takeaway from this traditional story: what do you think it is trying to teach you or what information is being shared?

[**The Language This Land Remembers**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lW26YztuXj8) **(video)**

**Meal (90 minutes +)**

Discussion/reflection questions:

* How do you think speaking a language you share with your ancestors affects your relationship with your relatives today, and in the future?
* The video mentions assimilation as a main reason for language loss, what assimilation has your ancestors/family go through living in America?
* As stated in the video: revitalizing the language is not just about the language or culture but about the confidence learners feel as they develop their skills – do you see this in your realm of work, as it related to confidence?
* What is something you can do in your content area to help encourage, assist, and support this work by Tribal communities?