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Pacific Northwest History and Cultures
Why Do the Foods We Eat Matter?

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Staging the Question:
Food Is More than Just What We Eat

Part A—Making Connections

Directions: Foods are a lot more than just what we eat. After watching the video *Foods and Cultures,* draft a short paragraph making connections between the foods you eat and your own culture. See example below.

Cultural Food	Cultural Practice
Example: Salmon	Example: Native Nations of the Pacific Northwest each have unique and diverse cultures, but they all share a connection to salmon. During events such as the Canoe Journey and Potlaches, Native communities pass down histories and traditions that their people have shared for thousands of years. Traditions such as fishing and sharing food at cultural events and gatherings help Native people strengthen connections with their past. Salmon plays an important role in these traditions and in the histories and cultures of Native People whose homelands extend throughout the Pacific Northwest.

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Part B—Making Inferences

Directions: Many cultures have close connections with foods. Imagine the impact on cultures if communities are no longer able to access important foods. After watching the video *Foods and Cultures* and analyzing the map, *Native Nations of the Pacific Northwest,* complete the activity in the chart below. First, determine the source of each fact in the left-hand column. Next, circle the source, **MAP** or **VIDEO**, in the center column. Finally, underline make inferences about how threats to salmon might impact cultures and communities of the Pacific Northwest.

Fact	Source	Inference
Many Native Nations recognize regions of the Pacific Northwest as their ancestral homelands.	**MAP** **VIDEO**	
Native communities of the Pacific Northwest have fished for generations.	**MAP** **VIDEO**	
Salmon play an important role in the cultural identities of Native peoples of the Pacific Northwest.	**MAP** **VIDEO**	