EQ # 10- What is the cultural significance of Celilo Falls & Salmon?
What are we learning today?

- Salmon are important ecologically AND culturally.
- Salmon is vital to the cultures of Native Americans in Oregon—more than as a food source.
- The Dalles dam impacted salmon populations and this, in turn, hurt the Celilo community.
As you read, underline 3-5 IMPORTANT FACTS from the reading that you think are key to understanding Celilo Falls.

Mark up the text and number the paragraphs as you read.
Now DISCUSS what you wrote with a table partner.
In your INB (LEFT side) across from a new EQ #10, under your picture, record THREE- FIVE total facts from your discussion and reading.
Where was Celilo Falls?

- Near the Dalles, Oregon
- On the Columbia River
Before the Dalles Dam was constructed in 1957, Celilo Falls was a 40’ wide falls along the Columbia River.
Celilo was called *Wy-am* by the Native Americans. Wy’am means “echo of falling water.” At Celilo Falls, the river dropped 80’ in less than half a mile and had a volume of TEN times Niagara Falls in Spring.
Celilo Falls is Oregon’s oldest continuously occupied site—evidence dates occupation at over 11,000 years.
At least SIX different tribes fished nearby.
Celilo or Wy-am was a rich trade center
As many as 10,000 people lived there at its peak.
How did they fish?

- The high water volume, narrow channel and rocks made for excellent fishing.
- They fished from platforms, tied by ropes for safety.
- Fishing was dangerous; falls into the water were usually fatal.
Elders and chiefs regulated fishing during the daytime only. Visitors could fish but had to leave anything they couldn’t haul away. Salmon brought thousands together for celebration, trade, food and tradition.
Dams can control flooding by allowing water flow adjustments.
Dams create electricity by using the power of the flowing water to turn turbines.
Dams on the Columbia River provide navigation locks that allow ships to travel inland from the ocean all the way to Idaho.
The Columbia River has 14 Dams
Celilo Falls disappeared within six hours of the dam gates closing.
Celilo Fisherman
You made your nets and tested the knots seeing that they held.
Little did you know what was to hold you after the sound of water falling over what used to be.
Watch the video about the damming of the Columbia River at Celilo Falls.

Record FIVE important facts from your viewing in your INB.