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To recognize the potential resources available on Indian lands and understand how Indian people manage and protect them.

Duckhead Necklace punished the animals for greed. Since man shares his environment with many plants, animals and other people, there is a need to manage the resources well, so that all will be taken care of properly.

Many reservations have great potential resource wealth, but the Indian people on those same reservations are still without jobs, proper housing and health care.

In 1975 twenty-five tribes formed an organization to protect, conserve and control the management of their oil, natural gas, coal, uranium, geothermal and oil shale. This organization is called the Council of Energy Resource Tribes or CERT.

In the past, tribes have followed the advice of others as to how and when to develop their resources. As a result, the tribes did not always receive the benefits of that advice. The agreements they had made left them little compensation, no control over exploration or development and little protection for their natural environment.

Today Indian people are trying to control their own land and lives.
Using the chart at the left see if you can answer the following questions.

1. How many Northwestern tribes have these resources?

2. Which tribes are nearest to you and what resources do they have?

3. Which resource is most common to all the tribes? Which is least common?

4. What other resources exist in the Northwest are not listed on this chart?

5. How might all these resources affect the lives of Indian people?

6. What kind of training, knowledge and skills would be needed to make decisions about these resources?

Write a story about what life would be like without any electricity or fuel for cars, trucks, trains or planes. How would you live? What would you do?