

# The Big Five

By the time Washington State students leave elementary school, they will understand:

- \* understand that over 500 independent tribal nations exist within the United States today, and that they interact with the United States, as well as each other, on a government-to-government basis;
- \* understand tribal sovereignty is “a way that tribes govern themselves in order to keep and support their ways of life;”
- \* understand that tribal sovereignty predates treaty times;
- \* understand how the treaties that tribal nations entered into with the United States government limited their sovereignty; and
- \* identify the names and locations of tribes in their area.