

# The Spokane Tribe



Three Lakota boys on their arrival at the Carlisle Indian School.

Source: Smithsonian Institution, National Anthropological Archives [Choate #125].

## Geography

The Spokane Indian Tribe is located in the northeastern of Washington.

It is 154,602 Land acres big

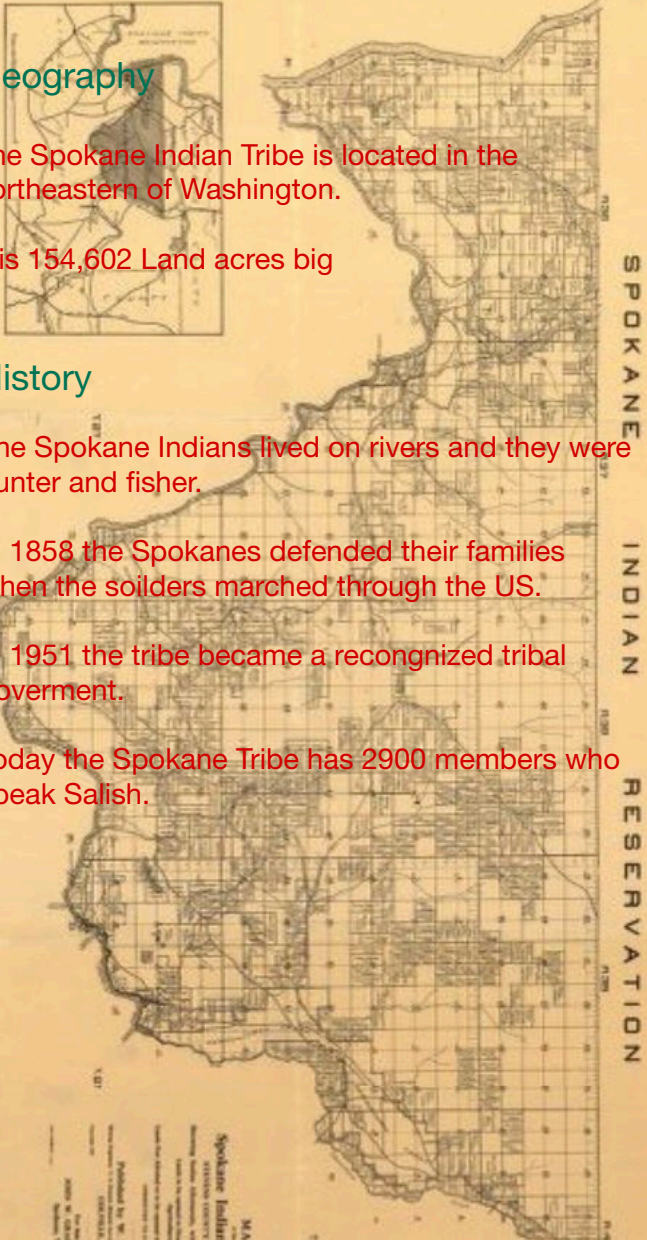
## History

The Spokane Indians lived on rivers and they were hunter and fisher.

In 1858 the Spokanes defended their families when the solders marched through the US.

In 1951 the tribe became a recongnized tribal goverment.

Today the Spokane Tribe has 2900 members who speak Salish.



## The powwow festival

The powwow is an Indian celebration where people wearing fancy costumes. It is a dance festival and it shows the Indian art and the culture.

### Hard fact

More than 12% of the deaths in Spokane were because of alcohol



### Sherman Alexie

Sherman Alexie grew up in Wellpinit. When he was young he had problems because he was sick and got bullied. Later he became a writer and wrote about his problems in the book *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. The Book is about racism and the most important quote in it is: I always thought the world is broken into tribes By black and white. By Indian and white. But I know that isn't True. The world is only broken into two tribes: The people who are assholes and the people who are not.



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