

# The Place of Falling Waters

## Part One: Before the Dam

The video presents the history as “the history of conflict and exchange between deeply opposed ways of life.” The oldest elder quoted (Larry Parker) was born in 1914, so these elders are at least one generation more recent than the fictional character Bull in *Wind from an Enemy Sky*.

1. What impacts did the Hellgate Treaty of 1855 have?
2. According to the elders interviewed, did most tribal members favor the “progress” offered by Euro-American civilization or did they prefer to keep their traditional lifeways? Give three quotes and the names of the speakers to support your answer.
3. Why did tribal members begin to incorporate some farming and gardening into their traditional lifestyle of hunting and gathering?
4. The Jesuit missionaries established themselves in this region by 1841. What is the attitude toward the blackrobes of the elders?
5. Explain what “Allotment” was, and quote at least two speakers from the video that illustrate their interpretation of what it meant for the tribal people.

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