Session II: Naya Nuki — Due November 2

1. Read chapters 10-12 in Nayak Nuki: Girl Who Ran by Kenneth Thomasma
2. Watch this video on YouTube about the First People's Buffalo jump in Montana. https://youtu.be/HL-LS_Ah-VM?si=E_Hu436feQQN--c9
3. Watch this video on YouTube about the Madison Buffalo jump in Montana. https://youtu.be/vnbAsCCGSEs?feature=shared
4. Do Buffalo Jump Homework

Naya Nuki Chapters 10-12 Summary

Naya Nuki is running out of food. She takes the time to make a snare and captures a large jackrabbit. She also uses a club to kill a slow moving porcupine. She digs for camas roots and wild carrots. And she takes time to gather berries.

She smells something horrible. Then she comes upon the scene of a buffalo jump. This is not the way Shoshone hunt buffalo. However, other tribes use this method.

A whole herd of buffalo is guided and driven by hunters toward the edge of a great cliff. The buffalo, running fast and close together, cannot stop in time and tumble over the edge. This is how the Plains people fed their whole village through the long winter. The warriors gathered as many buffalo as they could and left the rest to scavengers and to rot. But, of the dead animals that were gathered up, every single part of the buffalo would be used: the meat for food, the hide for clothing and shelter, the bones for tools. Nothing would be wasted.

Naya Nuki finds some buffalo that were preserved in cold water. While the meat isn't good to eat, she cuts away the hide to make herself new moccasins. She continues on.

The next morning, she comes down with a virus. She has a fever, throws up, and is experiencing chills. Even though she is so ill, she manages to move a little and discovers a hot spring. By drinking the mineral rich water over several days and resting, her sickness finally goes away. She returns to the trail.

She almost is found by passing braves when a dog catches her smell. The dog is distracted by rabbits and Naya Nuki escapes. She comes upon their buffalo kill and realizes that they left part of the animal. She takes as much meat as she can, even taking time to cook some of it in the fire they left smoldering. She continues her journey refreshed and encouraged by the fresh meat.

She is getting close to the mountains now. She knows she is getting close to finding her people; close to being home.

Buffalo Jump Homework

Your challenge this week: choose one of the buffalo jumps from the videos. Add that buffalo jump to your map from last week.

Research the buffalo jump and write a few sentences about it. Write things you found surprising or interesting or unusual.

For K-2: write 2 facts. For 3-4: write 4 sentences about the jump. For 5-6: write 2 paragraphs about the jump.