Lesson Plan: Understanding Klamath River Dam and Water Politics

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I. Let's begin with the geography *(see PP)*

II. "Those who do not understand history are doomed to repeat it."
   a. **Who wrote that?** *(Spinoza?)*
   b. **Is it true?**

III. Hoopa Survival News *(see PP)*
   a. Let's read it together…who wants to start.
   b. **What did you learn about Native people and salmon that you didn't know?**
   c. **Why is that significant?**

IV. The Process:
   a. Federal Power Act:
      i. Dams must be relicensed every 30-50 years;
      ii. Dam owners must now mitigate fisheries losses;
      iii. Relicensing process by FERC started 10 years ago **(What does FERC that stand for?)**
      iv. Tribe-Enviro-Fishermen Coalition aims to decomm 4 of 5 PC dams (**What has happened to that coalition? Why did the split happen? Which tribes are for the agreements/deals and which are not? Why do you think the split occurred?**

   b. Hitching your wagon to a star:
      i. **Why did PC decide to go along with decomm? Why did they choose to negotiate the KHSA/Dam Deal and not go the FERC route?**
      ii. **How did the KBRA Water Deal get attached to dam decommissioning?**
      iii. When you have a negotiation there are usually winners and losers. Everyone comes into negotiations knowing what they want but some get more of what they want and some get less.
         1. **Who are the winners and losers in the KHSA?**
         2. **Who are the winners and losers in the KBRA?**
         3. **Who are those who support and those who oppose the Deals?**

   c. **What are the key issues?**
      i. Klamath Tribes: water for land

ii. Other Tribes: termination of trust responsibility or 15 year restoration program: **Who can name the six federally recognized Klamath River Basin tribes?**
iii. Karuk Tribe: No fishing right; no reservation status
iv. Informed Consent
v. Equity for irrigators: **What does equity mean?**
vi. Refuges v River
vii. Science: Findings of the National Research Council re Coho and Flow Studies
viii. ESA: 2010 Biological Opinion (flows lower; especially in spring)
ix. Governance: Water management and restoration decisions behind closed doors or open to public.
x. Restoration: Standards and accountability or dividing up the money.

d. The Secretarial Determination Process:
    i. **Who is the Secretary of Interior and who appoints him/her?**
    ii. In order to inform the Secretary's decision and EIS/EIR has been prepared. **What is an EIS? What is an EIR?**
    iii. Before the Secretary can make a decision, Congress must pass legislation. **Why?**
        1. Bill being circulated only to parties/Hoopa Tribe/Siskiyou County object.

V. **How will you make a decision on whether to support the Deals and Legislation to enact and fund them or not?**

VI. Participating in the EIS/EIR Process *(see PP)*