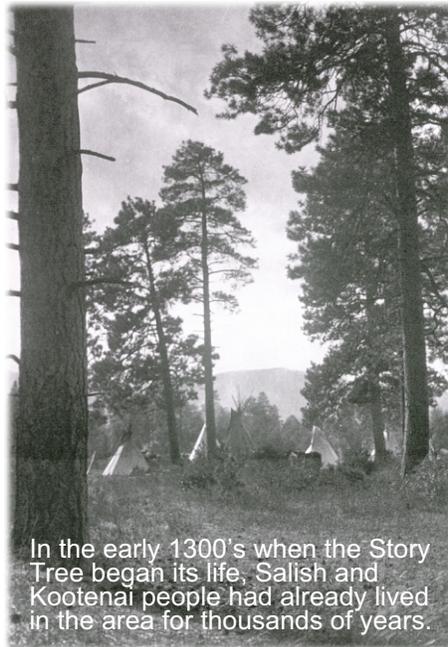


THE STORY TREE

AND SOME BITS OF HISTORY

The Story Tree, a cross-section from the stump of an ancient ponderosa pine, was found in the mountains near Missoula, Montana.

The tree was nearly 600 years old when it died in 1919.



In the early 1300's when the Story Tree began its life, Salish and Kootenai people had already lived in the area for thousands of years.

"Flathead Camp" from *The North American Indian* (Edward S. Curtis, 1910, Vol. VII, Plate 231). Courtesy K. Ross Toole Archives, The University of Montana-Missoula.



These events took place during the Story Tree's lifetime. About how old was the Story Tree when each event occurred?

The Story Tree grew an average of 2 mm in diameter each year. About how big was it when each event happened?

1348	Black Death (bubonic plague) kills 1/3 of Europe's population
1340-1400	Chaucer's lifetime
1431	Joan of Arc dies in France
1446	Gutenberg invents first printing press
1480	Macchu Picchu completed in Peruvian Andes
1450-1850	"Little Ice Age"
1492	Columbus lands in Americas
1505	Leonardo da Vinci completes "Mona Lisa"
1519	Magellan begins voyage around the world
1564-1616	Shakespeare's lifetime
1595-1617	Pocahontas's lifetime
1609	Galileo uses telescope to study moon
1620	Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock
1648	Taj Mahal completed in India
1720-1730	Salish & Kootenai bring horses to western Montana
1776	Colonists declare independence from England
1805	Lewis & Clark travel west through Montana
1848	Gold discovered in California
1855	Hell Gate Treaty forces native people to move to Flathead Reservation
1863	Emancipation Proclamation: U.S. frees slaves
1877	Chief Joseph surrenders in Bear Paw Mtns., MT
1889	Montana becomes 41st state in U.S.
1919	World War I ends; Story Tree dies

