“I Wish I Had Seen the Falls”
Discussion Worksheet

Name: ________________________________ Date: ________________

Directions: These questions will help you think about the story “I Wish I Had Seen the Falls.” Your teacher will assign certain questions to you and a partner or small group. Together, discuss the assigned questions. Be prepared to share your ideas with the whole class.

1. What might Chucky learn through his grandmother’s stories?

2. Who is the Creator?

3. How does Chucky feel about his grandmother?

4. Describe the sights and sounds of Celilo Falls.

5. Why was Celilo so important to Chucky’s grandma?

6. Grandma says that “you could smell the fish water” when it was time to harvest fish in the spring. What might that smell like?

7. Why did the Fisheries Chief warn them to take only the fish they needed?

8. How big were the salmon that Grandma’s father caught?

9. Describe how the women would prepare the salmon for eating.

10. Why does Grandma say that eating fish is “brain food?”

11. What are lamprey?

12. Describe the seasonal journeys of the salmon.