Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe Modern Day Revitalization

Directions: In the last lesson, you learned about the current history of events that led up to the modern era for the Cow Creek Tribe. Today, we are learning about what the tribe is doing to revitalize its people and way of life. Do a gallery walk and review the posters that are provided. Take notes that answer the following question for each category. What is the tribe doing to connect the modern _____ (people, land, living places, etc.) to its historical way of life?

Key Ideas	Modern Day Revitalization
People	They have created business to bring pride to their community (Takelma coffee).
	They teach their people traditional arts to keep them connected to their culture. These arts include many things, such as traditional clothing, fishing, jewelry making, and much more.
	Tribal members are sharing and relearning the Takelma language in classes, events, and other forms of media to revitalize their connection to their ancestral language.
Land	They still gather at South Umpqua Falls for an annual powwow because of how important this place has always been to the tribe.
Living Places	They provide affordable living places for tribal members who need assistance (e.g., transitional housing and low-income houses). They have built replicas of the traditional plank houses so people know how their ancestors lived.
Food and resources	They have an annual Huckleberry picking event in the mountains where their ancestors used to always go.
	They educate their tribal members about native plants, stream and habitat restoration, cultural site protection, water quality and wetland management, and cultural arts.
	They manage deer and elk and oversee hunting on tribal land to keep a healthy balance.
	Tribal members still fish and participate in an annual Salmon Ceremony. They learn how to make traditional fishing tools.
	Tribal members still hunt for animals, like deer and elk. Many learn how to make traditional weapons, but use modern weapons like rifles and compound bows.
	Tribal members still practice gathering activities for basketry making and special events, like the huckleberry event.
Social structures	The host culture camps to pass on traditional knowledge like basket weaving, flint knapping, and more.
	Their annual powwow at South Umpqua Falls is an opportunity for tribal families to come together to practice their cultural art skills, to drum and dance, and to take pride in their traditional clothing (native regalia).
Other ideas	Tribal members wear their regalia (traditional clothing) for dances and other special occasions.
	Tribal members are learning traditional ways of making jewelry, but also include modern materials like glass beads.