

Group Assignment #2  
Due on 27 April 2026

- You will work alone or in a group to produce a paper and a 5-minute presentation.
- Your work will be graded out of 10 points, i.e. 10% of your overall grade, weighted evenly between the written report and in-class presentation.
- If you work as a group, group members will be individually graded.

Choose a single language from one of the six language families we discussed in class on 13 April: **Eskimo-Aleut**, **Algic**, **Uto-Aztecan**, **Siouan-Catawba**, **Salishan**, and **Iroquoian**. You can find a list of the languages in these families in the *Encyclopedia of the World's Endangered Languages* on pp.11–19. After choosing a language, find its entry in the *Encyclopedia*. Languages are listed alphabetically from pp.20–95.

The languages that we already covered in class on 13 April, and which you may *not* choose for your group projects, are as follows:

- **Eskimo-Aleut:** Sireniki, Copper Island Aleut Creole
- **Algic:** Sauk-Fox (Mesquakie), Miami-Illinois
- **Uto-Aztecan:** Hopi, Cupeño
- **Siouan-Catawba:** Crow, Kansa
- **Salishan:** Bella Coola, Nooksack
- **Iroquoian:** Cayuga, Nottoway

In your paper and your presentation, you will address the following:

- What language did you choose?
- What family is this language part of?
- Where is/was it spoken?
- How many people speak this language today?
- What is the language's early history of documentation?
- Are there ongoing revitalization efforts?
- What challenges face this language's survival?

The paper is a research paper. You must only use scholarly sources – books or peer-reviewed publications. Your paper must cite all sources that you use, and you may use any major citation format (MLA, APA, Chicago, etc.). You will lose points for any information that is not cited, as well as for any improper or nonexistent citations.

You can use an AI platform to help you conduct your research and find sources, but do NOT use AI's responses themselves as a source for the paper or the presentation. Verify anything it says with an actual scholarly source. (It lies.)