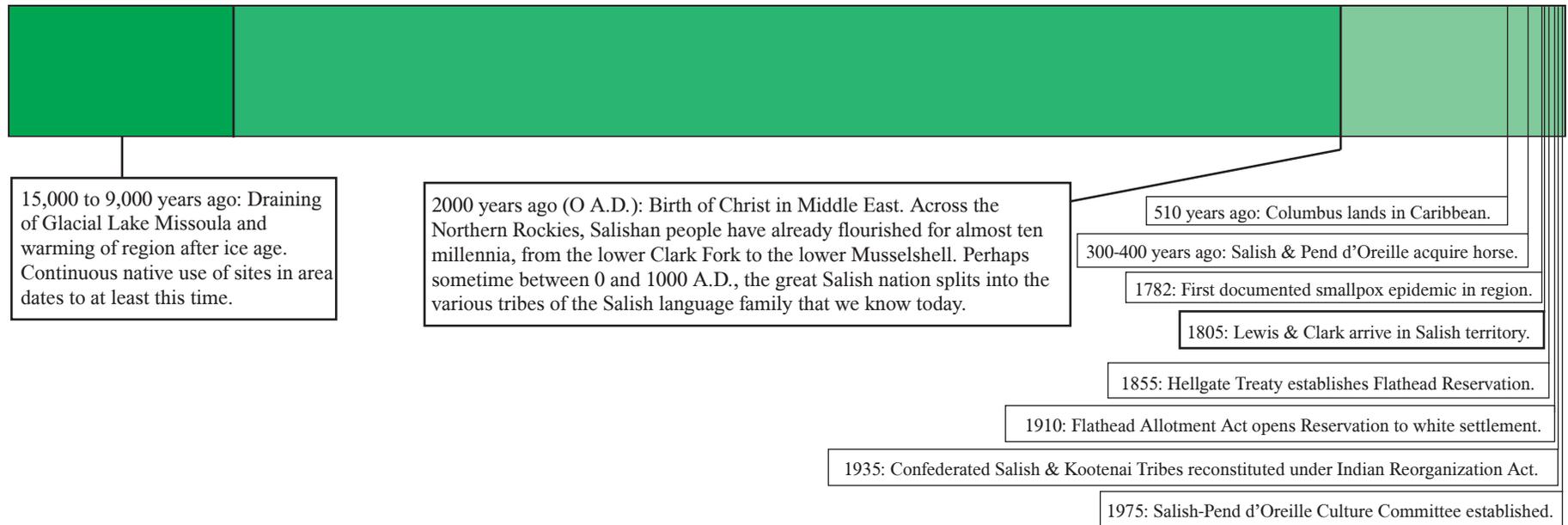


Salish-Pend d’Oreille Timeline: From the Ice Age to the Present



This timeline tells us that even the entire period since Columbus and other Europeans first arrived in North America —displayed in lightest green at the far right end—constitutes less than six percent of the span of Salish-Pend d’Oreille history, using the conservative starting point of about 9,000 years ago. The entire period since 1800 comprises little more than one percent of the history of the

Salish and Pend d’Oreille people. If we were to represent this timeline as a single 24-hour day, Lewis and Clark would arrive at about 11:28 P.M.—about half an hour before midnight. In this larger context, we can better understand just how recently and how suddenly the Salish world was transformed by the upheaval associated with non-Indian incursions into tribal territories.

