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## Royal Bensell Diary

It sounds simple, but the first step to learning about history is finding out what happened. This can be harder than it sounds! This is an excerpt of a diary from Corporal Royal Bensell, one of the soldiers commanded to round up Indian people near Coos Bay in 1864 after many had fled the Alsea sub-agency. As you read the diary entry use the questions below to help organize your learning. First, try to figure out what happened. Next, use that evidence to draw some conclusions about people's attitudes about and the causes and impacts of the events. Along with English, Bensell writes in Chinuk Jargon, a regional trade language that draws vocabulary from several Indigenous languages as well as English and French.

**LANGUAGE NOTE:** This diary contains words that most people would consider to be slurs against Native people today. These words are clues about how settlers and soldiers viewed Native people at the time, but would harm someone today if repeated.

	Your answer	What did the text say to support your answer?
Who was Amanda?		
Who was Julia?		
What was the relationship between Amanda and Julia?		

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	<b>Your answer</b>	<b>What did the text say to support your answer?</b>
Who was Julia's father? What was his relationship with Amanda?		
Who else did the soldiers round up near the DeCuys property?		
How did soldiers transport their prisoners?		
How did soldiers treat their prisoners? What did Native people eat while being removed?		
How did Royal Bensell feel about Harvey?		

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	<b>Your answer</b>	<b>What did the text say to support your answer?</b>
How did Royal Bensell feel about the Native people the soldiers were moving?		
What was the difference between the reactions of Julia's dad and Mr. Metcalf?		
Why was Mr. Henderson swearing vengeance?		
What does "Kanim" mean?		