Field Guide Assignment

May 1st – The Oak Savannah – (2 Pts)

Guiding Question: What was it like in the Willamette Valley before the Europeans came?

Valley of the Long Grasses (packet)

1. Describe three benefits the Kalapuyas gained from the annual burning of the valley floor. Why was this so essential for the Kalapuya?
2. What would the valley floor look like if the Kalapuya did not burn each year?
3. Do you think the arboretum should burn or manage the oak savannah? Justify the benefits of your decision.