Welcome to November’s Knowledge Cafe x DEI
Agenda

1. Watch a ~20-minute clip from the PBS documentary video *The American Buffalo*

2. Breakout rooms for further discussion, *optional*

Video camera & audio are completely optional! (Recommend turning off while watching video)
Things to Consider

- Be open & listen attentively to others opinions & experiences
- Own your words & be receptive to the impact they may have on others
- Speak one’s truth without blame or judgement
The American Buffalo: An Untold Story

For 10,000+ years indigenous peoples co-evolved with the buffalo on the North American continent

From 1800’s-1890s, the buffalo population decreased from 30 M to fewer than 100 due to mass slaughter

Why & how did this happen?

Is there a larger context from which we can learn from this untold story?
PBS Discussion Panel, moderated by Judy Woodruff

Ken Burns  
Filmmaker

Rosalyn LaPier  
Blackfeet-Métis Tribe  
Professor of History, Univ of Chicago

Dan Flores  
Author of *Wild New World*

Jason Balde  
Eastern Shoshone Tribe  
Senior Manager, Tribal Buffalo Program, National Wildlife Federation
And now for our feature **presentation**
Discussion Questions (20 mins)

1. Would you consider the brutal killing of the American Buffalo as an act of war? (5 min)

2. Why should we care about the Buffalo? (5 min)

3. Why is it difficult to understand another culture’s customs, beliefs, ways of living? (5 min)

4. What must it take for people of different beliefs to co-exist peacefully and respectfully? Are there current day examples of this? (5 min)
Thanks for Joining Us Today!

Continue dialogues among teams & colleagues about topics & ideas shared, while preserving the identity of those who spoke about them