

# Sarah Winnemucca



\*Indian name: Thocmetony or  
Shell flower

\*Born in 1844, near the Sink of the  
Humbolt River in Nevada

\*Died on October 14, 1891, in  
Monida, Montanta

- \* Interpreter for the United States Army
- \* Chief of the Paiute tribe
- \* Author of *Life Among the Paiutes: Their wrongs and claims, (1883)*
- \* Chief Interpreter for General Oliver Otis Howard
- \* Spokeswoman for not only the Paiute tribe, but for many Native Americans
- \* Founder of one of the first schools for Native American children
- \* Lecturer about Indian injustices
- \* Wife of L.H. Hopkins, an Army officer
- \* Active citizen on the United States
- \* Teacher of English and many other subjects
- \* Friend to many Native Americans and Americans

*“I Sarah Winnemucca, am a shell-flower, such as I wear on my dress. My name is Thocmetony. I am so beautiful! Who will come and dance with me while I am so beautiful? Oh come and be happy with me! I shall be happy while the earth lasts. Somebody will always admire me; and who will come and be happy with me in Spirit-land? I shall be beautiful forever there. Yes, I shall be more beautiful than my shell-flower, my Thocmetony!”*

*“I have been sincere with my own people. . . as well as with my white brothers. . . Alas, how truly our women prophesied when they told my dear old grandfather that his white brothers, whom he loved so much, would bring sorrow to his people. . .”*