This letter to the editor from 2008 represents the naturalist perspective on Ye'yumnuts (https://sites.google.com/view/commemorating-yeyumnuts/perspectives/naturalists). It focuses on the Garry Oak meadow ecosystem as something that needs to be protected, like the area adjacent to Ye'yumnuts. The Garry Oak ecosystem, however, cannot be viewed as detached from the importance of Ye'yumnuts for the Cowichan. Important traditional foods, like camas, are abundant in these areas and this could very well be the reason people lived at Ye'yumnuts for millennia.

Food not only connects Ye'yumnuts to the Garry Oak meadows surrounding its "official" boundaries, but to many other places on the Salish Sea (https://sites.google.com/view/commemorating-yeyumnuts/maps ).

Further Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways are "nature" and "culture" really the same?
2. How do letters to the editor differ from journalistic narratives? What goals do they hope to achieve?