

## The Legend of Mt. Diablo

There are many legends of how Mt. Diablo received its name, but one of the most popular is this:

The legend says that a group of soldiers from the San Francisco Mission came out to our area to capture runaway Indians. The Indians were camping close to Mt. Diablo, waiting for the soldiers. A battle soon began. The Indians were winning when a person dressed in feathers and bright colors came near the soldiers. The strange person scared the soldiers away and the Indians won the battle. The soldiers thought the person was an evil spirit, so they named the mountain "Diablo" which means "Devil" in Spanish. The Indians left the area and no one ever saw the stranger again.

A legend is a story that is passed down from one generation to the next.

Can this story be real? Why or why not?

Can you draw a picture to show what happened?

