

Introduction to American Indians

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6:00-10:00pm Fridays

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For this course, you will need:

1. Stannard, American Holocaust 1993
2. Deloria, Red Earth White Lies 1997
3. Morrison, American Indian Studies 1997
4. Churchill, From a Native Son,

Course Description: To develop an awareness of the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, their Political/Social and Economic developments to contemporary times.

Honest Policy and Your Rights:

The Augsburg College policy on academic honesty applies to this course. If you have special learning or physical disabilities, you have legal rights to course modifications. Let me know your special needs and I will do everything I can to accommodate you. You also have the right to use College Counseling and Student Development Services as well as tutoring assistance from the Writing Lab Program.

Work you will do to complete this course:

In order to complete the requirements for this course you will need to do the following:

1. Complete all readings and writing assignments on time.
2. Attend all classes. Miss two or more classes, I recommend dropping the course.
3. Write two response papers: analysis, with personal viewpoints (first person) based on Assigned readings and video.
Title page, body (include introduction, and conclusion), and reference page (using APA Style or option).

Paper #1, My Perspective of the Indian Removal Act

Paper#2. Research of An American Indian Reservation.

4. Critique Videos 1-2 pages

5. Complete Final Essay Examination

Criteria used to evaluate your work:

Your grade for the course will depend on your ability to demonstrate that:

You have a contextual understanding American Indian History.

You actively participate in small and large group discussions.

You come to class having completed assigned readings and writings.
You actively listen to others with respect and courtesy.

Detailed Course Schedule

Jan. 11, 2008- Introduction

Introductions

Discussion: What is an Indian? Where did they come from?

What is a Reservation? Lecture "Review of History" .Video debo"

Jan. 25 Read Chapters 1 & 2 in American Holocaust, read essays 1 & 3 in American Indian Studies. Read Essay 1 & 2 in Red Earth White Lies. View film "In the White man's Image"

Feb. 1 Read Chapter 3 in American Holocaust, read essays 10,11, &12 in American Indian Studies. Read essay 3 in Red Earth White Lies. View film "Where the Spirit Lives". Read Native Son, essay" Since Predator Came" P.21-31

Feb. 15 Read Chapter 4 in American Holocaust. Read essays 7 and 8 in American Indian Studies. Read essay 4 in Red Earth White Lies. Read Native Son, essay" Native North America" P 147-182. Video "Dream Keepers".

Feb. 22 Read Chapter 5 in American Holocaust. Read essays13, 14, 15 and 16 in American Indian Studies. Read essay 5 in Red Earth White Lies. Read Native Son essay "Literature and The Colonization of American Indians" P295-312. Video "Rabbit Proof Fence".

March 8 Read Chapter 6 in American Holocaust. Read essay17, 18 and 19 in American Indian Studies. Read essay 6 in Red Earth White Lies. View film " In Whose Honor". Read Native Son essay"Faniasies of the Master Race" P409-418.

March 21 Read Appendix I and II in American Holocaust. View film "7 fires"
Read Native Son essay," A Little Matter of Genocide" P315-336.

Final Examination due March 21