

Book Analysis Assignment

This assignment asks you to read and analyze a book on Native American history. Some are studies of particular individuals or groups. Others are biographical / autobiographical account of Native individuals. Some are collected oral histories of a particular Native group.

Your paper should be at least two typed double spaced pages, but no more than five pages.

At the top of the first page, please provide a full bibliographic citation using the following format:

Author Last Name, First Name. Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication.

So, for example:

Zeiler, Thomas W. *Dean Rusk: Defending the American Mission Abroad*. Wilmington, Delaware: Scholarly Resources Books, 2000.

Begin by summarizing the book in about 250-500 words (about ½ to one page). Be sure to identify the individual and/or group on which the book focuses, the time period covered, key events, and the like.

Then, analyze the book in terms of one or more of the following themes:

1. Cultural change and continuity. Describe the Native culture(s) the book covers. To what extent did the culture(s) change over time? Why did change occur? To what extent did the culture(s) remain unchanged? What factors allowed for cultural continuity? What were some ways that American Indians in the book embraced, accepted, adapted to, and/or resisted cultural change?
2. Economic change and continuity. Describe the economic activities mentioned in the book. To what extent did those activities change over time? Why did change occur? To what extent did the economic activities remain unchanged? What factors allowed for the persistence of these economic activities? What were some ways that American Indians in the book embraced, accepted, adapted to, and/or resisted economic change?
3. Self Rule. What sort of Native governments were featured in the book? Did those governments change over time, and if so how? To what extent were Native American peoples in the book able to determine their own destiny? To what extent did outsiders exercise power over particular Native communities and peoples? Did that change over time? That is, did certain Native groups lose power during the time period covered by the book, or did they gain / regain greater power over their own lives and communities? Why did change in the level of Native self rule occur or not occur?
4. Gender. Gender refers to the way a society defines roles for men and women (e.g., expectations that women should be housekeepers and mothers while men should

work outside the home in business and politics). What sort of gender roles did you see among the Native peoples in the book? Did those gender roles change over time? If so, why? Did some if not many gender roles endure over time? If so, why? Why did a particular group structure gender roles the way they did?

The following books are available in the LCSC Library or may be acquired through interlibrary loan. They are only suggestions. **If you wish to write on a book not listed below, you are to please consult with me before October 31.**

Selected Biographies, Autobiographies, Memoirs, Oral Histories

Axtell, Horace, and Margo Aragon, *A Little Bit of Wisdom: Conversations with a Nez Perce Elder* (1997).

Ball, Eve, *Indeh: An Apache Odyssey* (1980).

Banks, Dennis, *Ojibwa Warrior : Dennis Banks and the Rise of the American Indian Movement* (2004).

Blowsnake, Sam. *Crashing Thunder : The Autobiography of an American Indian* (1983).

Buffalo Tiger. *Buffalo Tiger: A Life in the Everglades* (2002).

Chief Joseph, *Chief Joseph's Own Story* (1972).

Fortunate Eagle, Adam, *Alcatraz! Alcatraz! The Indian Occupation of 1969-1971* (1992).

Geronimo, *Geronimo, His Own Story* (1971).

Grayson, G.W., *A Creek Warrior for the Confederacy : The Autobiography of Chief G.W. Grayson* (1988).

Harris, LaDonna, *LaDonna Harris, A Comanche Life* (2000).

Hauptman, Laurence, *Seven Generations of Iroquois Leadership: The Six Nations since 1800* (2008).

Woody Kipp, *Viet Cong at Wounded Knee: The Trail of a Blackfeet Activist* (2004).

Linderman, Frank, *Pretty Shield, Medicine Woman of the Crows* (1932/1972).

Lurie, Nancy Oestreich, *Mountain Wolf Woman, Sister of Crashing Thunder: The Autobiography of a Winnebago Indian* (1961/1971).

Mankiller, Wilma, *Mankiller: A Chief and Her People* (1993/2000).

MacDonald, Peter, *The Last Warrior : Peter MacDonald and the Navajo Nation* (1993).

Matheson, David, *Red Thunder* (2001).

Means, Russell, *Where White Men Fear to Tread : The Autobiography of Russell Means* (1995).

Miller, Jay (ed.), *Mourning Dove: A Salishan Autobiography* (1990).

Neihardt, John G., *Black Elk Speaks* (1972).

Qoyawayma, Polingaysi (Elizabeth Q. White), *No Turning Back: A Hopi Indian Woman's Struggle to Live in Two Worlds* (1964).

Sando, Joe S., *Pueblo Profiles* (1998).

Schenck, Theresa M., *William W. Warren: The Life, Letters, and Times of an Ojibwe Leader* (2007).

TeCube, LeRoy, *Year in Nam: A Native American Soldier's Story* (1999).

Wyaco, Virgil, *A Zuni Life: A Pueblo Indian in Two Worlds* (1998).

Selected Recent Studies of Particular Groups, Events and Topics

Juliana Barr, *Peace Came in the Form of a Woman: Indians and Spaniards in the Texas Borderlands* (2007).

Blackhawk, Ned, *Violence over the Land: Indians and Empires in the Early American West* (2006).

Calloway, Colin G., *The Shawnees and the War for America* (2007).

Castile, George Pierre, *Taking Charge: Native American Self-Determination and Federal Indian Policy, 1975-1993* (2006).

Chamberlain, Kathleen P., *Under Sacred Ground: A History of Navajo Oil, 1922-1982* (2000).

Clarkin, Thomas, *Federal Indian Policy in the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations, 1961-1969* (2001).

Cobb, Daniel M., *Native Activism in Cold War America* (2008).

Corntassel, Jeff, and Richard C. Witmer, *Forced Federalism: Contemporary Challenges to Indigenous Nationhood* (2008).

Deloria Jr., Vine, and Clifford M. Lytle, *The Nations Within: The Past and Future of American Indian Sovereignty* (1998).

Deloria Jr., Vine, *Singing for a Spirit: A Portrait of the Dakota Sioux* (2000).

_____, *The World We Used to Live In: Remembering the Powers of the Medicine Men* (2006).

Drake, James, *King Philip's War* (1999).

Eisler, Kim Isaac, *Revenge of the Pequots: How a Small Native American Tribe Created the World's Most Profitable Casino* (2001).

Fixico, Donald L., *The Invasion of Indian Country in the Twentieth Century: American Capitalism and Tribal Natural Resources* (1998).

_____, *The Urban Indian Experience in America* (2000).

Hamalainen, Pekka, *The Comanche Empire* (2008).

Harmon, Alexandra, *Indians in the Making: Ethnic Relations and Indian Identities around Puget Sound* (1998).

Karson, Jennifer (ed.), *Wiyáx̣ayx̣ṭ/Wiyáakạawn = as days go by: Our History, Our Land, and Our People--The Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla* (2006).

Kidwell, Clara Sue, *The Choctaws of Oklahoma: From Tribe to Nation, 1855-1970* (2007).

Fowler, Loretta, *Tribal Sovereignty and the Historical Imagination: Cheyenne Arapaho Politics* (2002).

Josephy Jr., Alvin M., *Nez Perce Country* (2007).

McCool, Daniel, Susan M. Olson, and Jennifer L. Robinson, *Native Vote: American Indians, the Voting Rights Act, and the Right to Vote* (2007).

Nez Perce Tribe, *Treaties: Nez Perce Perspectives* (2003).

Osburn, Katherine M.B., *Southern Ute Women: Autonomy and Assimilation on the Reservation, 1887-1934* (1998).

Pearson, J. Diane, *The Nez Percés in the Indian Territory : Nimiipuu Survival* (2008).

Purdue, Theda, and Michael D. Green, *The Cherokee Nation and the Trail of Tears* (2007).

Thrush, Coll, *Native Seattle: Histories from the Crossing-Over Place* (2007).

Wilkinson, Charles, *Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations* (2005).

_____, *Messages from Frank's Landing: A Story of Salmon, Treaties, and the Indian Way* (2000).