

Indian Country 101

Tribal Engagement Training

Objectives & Lessons

The Nature Conservancy
and The Whitener Group

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Learning Objectives IC 101: National Level

You should leave this course:

On your way to offending Natives 50% less of the time AND engage with tribes 25% more effectively!

Knowing what the term "Indian Country" means!

A little depressed, at least for a short while, with the awfulness of some things you might not have known about (i.e.: the boarding schools).

More familiar with the seven eras of tribal policy as a foundation for learning about tribes today in the subsequent courses.

Marveling that despite this history, tribes are STILL here. It is truly an astonishing feat that after all this trauma*, tribes and tribal citizens are still here. Much has been lost. But wow, we persist.

Able to define Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Governance.

Able to summarize the differences among federal versus state recognition versus unrecognized.

Understanding where tribes fit within the hierarchy of governments. Spoiler alert: we don't like to be put in the same category as, say, a city, a county, or even states.

Able to define key types of tribal land designations.

Able to describe the role of tribal businesses.

Able to explain the terms of citizenship, enrollment, and blood quantum.

Beginning to grasp the complexity underlying Native identity.

Able to list some very general tribal cultural attributes.

*** "this trauma" meaning 75% of the content here touches on ways Native people were killed, moved, maimed, assimilated, and other such things.**

IC 101 (a) Crash Course in Native History in the US

NATIVE INDEPENDENCE ERA (SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL—1492)

Native Independence Era Overview
Origin Stories
Timeline Stops: Surgery, Corn & the Vikings

COLONIAL ERA (1492–1828)

Colonial Era Overview
Doctrine of Discovery
Timeline Stops: Disease, Colonists, Thanksgiving & More
Royal Proclamation of 1763
Timeline Stops: 1775 was a Busy Year, First Indian Treaty & More

REMOVAL, RESERVATIONS & TREATY ERA (1828–1887)

Removal, Reservations & Treaty Era Overview
Indian Removal Act
Reservations
Treaties
The Marshall Trilogy
Timeline Stops: End of Treaty-Making, Grant's "Peace Policy" & Custer's Defeat!
The Beginning of the Boarding Schools (goes on for 100+ years)

ALLOTMENT & ASSIMILATION ERA (1887–1934)

Allotment & Assimilation Era Overview
Dawes Act (aka General Allotment Act)
Timeline Stops: Wounded Knee, WWI & the Meriam Report
Indian Citizenship Act

REORGANIZATION ERA (1934–1953)

Reorganization Era Overview
Indian Reorganization Act
Timeline Stops: Alaska Native Reorg Act, NCAI & More

TERMINATION ERA (1953–1968)

Termination Era Overview
The 3 Policies of the Termination Era
Public Law 280
Termination of Tribal Status
Indian Relocation Act
The Indian Adoption Project

SELF-DETERMINATION ERA (1968 – PRESENT)

Self-Determination Era Overview
Indian Civil Rights Movement
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
Public Law 638
Timeline Stops: ICWA, Cabazon & More
Self-Governance
The End? HA!

IC 101 (b) Tribal Governments Today

IC 101 (c) Identity, Citizenship & Culture

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT BASICS

Tribal Sovereignty
Federal Recognition, State Recognition, and
Unrecognized
Tribal Government Structures

GOVT-TO-GOVT RELATIONSHIPS

The Feds
The Tribal-State Relationship
Tribe-to-Tribe

LAND & ECONOMIES

Land & Water
Economic Development (Non-Gaming)
Gaming
The end? HA.

CITIZENSHIP

Population
Citizenship & Blood
Terminology & Stereotypes
Spotlight On: Cultural Appropriation
Spotlight On: Health & Social Issues

QUICK LOOKS INTO CULTURE (SOME COMMON GROUND)

Spotlight on: Art, Food & Language
Spotlight On: Storytelling, Humor &
Basketball
Spotlight On: Elders, Spirituality & Powwows

THANKS FOR BEING HERE FOR THE 101 JOURNEY!

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Learning Objectives IC 102: Washington State

You should leave this course:

Knowing the difference between a treaty tribe and a federally recognized tribe not exercising treaty-rights (yes, that last "type" has a very long moniker for a reason).

Able to give your racist cousin a quick recap why the boarding school era was atrocious in this region. ***(I mean it was in every region but this is a learning objective for the WA-focused courses so.)***

Having acquired fun fact icebreakers about the fur trade, the Shaker religion, and Celilo Falls to use at your next party!

Pronouncing Washington tribes' names correctly!

Able to name some of the main language groups of tribes in WA.

Recalling and informing others of the most common names for elected bodies in this region.

Knowing the importance of salmon to many of the tribes in Washington State.

Able to explain why the Fish Wars were so important in preserving the treaty rights of tribes.

Understanding the basics of what "co-management" means.

Offending Natives 50% less 😊

Engaging with tribes 25% more effectively!

IC 102 (a)

Let's Hit the Treaty Trail!

NATIVE INDEPENDENCE ERA (SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL—1492)

WA Timeline Stops: Since Time Immemorial

COLONIAL ERA (1492–1828)

Timeline Stops: First Contact, Fur Trade & Missionaries

REMOVAL, RESERVATIONS & TREATY ERA (1828–1887)

The Treaties

After Treaties: WAR, Executive Orders, More!

The Boarding School Era in WA

ALLOTMENT & ASSIMILATION ERA (1887–1934)

Timeline Stops: Shakers, Winans & Pre-Dam Celilo Falls

REORGANIZATIONS ERA (1934–1953)

Timeline Stops: Little Boston, Tulee & a Big Band music break!

TERMINATION ERA (1953–1968)

Timeline Stops: The Dalles & Satiacum

SELF DETERMINATION ERA (1968—PRESENT)

Timeline Stops: Rafeedie, Paddle to Seattle, Tribal Gaming Comes to WA, and more!

Is there more to know?

IC 102 (b) WA Tribes Today

WASHINGTON'S TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS TODAY

Tribal Governments in Washington
Everyone gets along! Govt-to-Govt
Relationships
Show me the money! Washington Tribal
Economics 101

WASHINGTON TRIBAL CITIZENS TODAY

Culture
Among Us! Native Population in WA
Spotlight On: Language, Art & Food
Spotlight On: Canoes, Traditions & a
sprinkling of Religion/Spirituality
But wait! There's More

IC 102 (c) Time to Talk Fish, Baby!

LET'S TALK FISH BABY!

The Fish Wars & The Boldt Decision
Salmon
Bad raps? Hatcheries, Nets
Rivers & Other Water Things
Ocean & Shellfish

OTHER NATURAL RESOURCE & ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Hunting, Wildlife Management & Forestry
Climate Change
Planning, Land Use & Growth Management

THANKS FOR BEING HERE FOR 102!

The End? NOPE. Go do something.

I gave you lots of tools. Use them. Print your Quick Reference Guide. Review the Want to Know More?, Organizations to Know, and People to Know sections throughout the courses. Visit the listed websites on your own.

Go through lessons again!

Attend a tribal event! Be comfortable with being uncomfortable at first, if you are!

Find a Native friend who will support you as you learn more about tribes. You gotta find an in! But don't be fake and weird about it of course.

Buy some Native products! And NEVER EVER EVER again buy any tribal art if you can't easily tell the tribal artist's name and tribal affiliation.