

Lesson Plan

**Class: U.S. History I
Grade 10**

Unit: Westward Expansion

Massachusetts Frameworks

USII.4 Analyze the causes of the continuing westward expansion of the American people after the Civil War and the impact of this migration on the Indians. (H

Topic: Diaspora of Native Americans

Purpose: To gain an understanding of the causes and results of Native Americans losing their culture and land and the failure to address their problems and needs.

Learning Objectives:

Students will

- **Study the geographic area of various tribal homelands through maps**
- **Examine Native American chiefs and the battles they waged**
- **Study the American government's position on Native Americans**
- **Examine the Dawes Act of 1887**
- **Compare and contrast Native American life before and after moving to reservations**

Schedule, Materials, and Time Frame

I teach in a 4 x 4 Block of 82 minutes

Day 1 Introduction to the Plains Indians by studying maps of the area, refer to textbook and handout. Ask how many have traveled out west and/or have Native American ancestry in them. 10 minutes.

Powerpoint presentation giving background information on Native Americans and discussion . 30 minutes

Primary source documents- Pass out copies of “ John Stand in Timber and Ella C. Deloria Recall the Early Days of Reservation Farming 1877-1900” Milner p.349. and “ Martin Charlot Speaks to the Futility of Flathead- Salish Farming 1890-1900” Milner p. 352. Students will read and answer questions. 25 minutes

Closure: Students will do a map exercise tracing the journey of Chief Joseph and the sites of the Sioux uprising, Sand Creek Massacre, Battle of Little Bighorn, and Battle of Wounded Knee. 15 minutes

Day 2

Assessment: Students will answer an open response essay based on their understanding of the causes and effects of diaspora and relate it to a present day group whose culture is also endangered.

References:

American Vision textbook

Milner, Charles, Butler, Anne M, Lewis, David Rich. Major Problems in the History of the American West. Boston. Houghton Mifflin C. 1997.

Limerick, Patricia Nelson, The Legacy of Conquest. New York. W.W. Norton & Co. 1987.

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/DOCUMENTS/ResMAP.HTM>

http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/immig/native_american.html

Materials: Powerpoint handout and LCD projector, Excerpts of primary source documents and questions to ask, maps, textbook,