



Vocabulary List

Allot	To divide or give out in shares. Land was allotted first to each native tribe in the form of reservations, and then to individual Native Americans under the Dawes Act.
Assimilation	The act of becoming part of a group by assuming the language, dress, food, culture, or religion of that group and giving up your own ways of doing things.
Boarding Schools	Schools in which children live away from home, on the school grounds. Native American children were sent to boarding schools by the U.S. government.
Confine	To keep within limits; to keep shut up in some place, such as on a reservation.
Culture	The ideas, skills, arts, tools, clothing, food, music, language -- general ways of life -- of a certain people at a certain time.
Natives	Born in or belonging in a natural way in a certain place or country. Indians are Native Americans.
Policy	A plan, rule or way of acting. Policies can be formed by people or by governments.
Poverty	The condition of being poor; a lack of money.
Pow-wow	A gathering of Indians of a tribe to celebrate the language, dress, religion, art, music and social traditions of their culture.
Preserve	To protect from harm or damage.
“Reorganization Act”	A law that attempted to preserve what remained of the reservations so that tribes might salvage tribal languages and culture.



Removal	To move to another place.
Reservation	Public land that has been put aside for a special use, such as an Indians reservation.
Treaty	An agreement between two or more nations that has to do with trade or cooperation.
Tribe	A group of people or families united by sharing a common ancestor or customs and traditions.