

## Recommended resources for U. S. Policies - American Indians

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### Prior to 1776

16<sup>th</sup> century map Reddit.com

[https://www.reddit.com/r/IndianCountry/comments/svz9gy/map\\_of\\_indigenous\\_american\\_nations\\_c1500s\\_public/#lightbox](https://www.reddit.com/r/IndianCountry/comments/svz9gy/map_of_indigenous_american_nations_c1500s_public/#lightbox)

<https://www.sciway.net/hist/indians/geo.html> Map of Tribes in South Carolina

French and Indian War aka Seven Years War: Ohio Valley battles between French and British over lands claimed; French eventually surrendered

<https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/proclamation-line-of-1763>

Royal Proclamation of 1763 <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1370355181092/1607905122267>

From Mount Vernon on Proclamation of 1763:

<https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/proclamation-line-of-1763>

European contact with Choctaw Nation: <https://choctawculturalcenter.com/exhibitions/okhvta-chito-okhoatall-choctaw-and-french-transatlantic-leacies/> First European contact Spanish in 1528. French 1699 for trading.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/r04/caribou-targhee/recreation/charcoal-kilns-interpretive-site>

### US policies

<https://www.bia.gov/bia/history/IndianLawPolicy>

### Terms addressed in this course:

Sovereignty:

Manifest Destiny

Forced “Removal”: <https://www.okhistory.org/research/removal> - lists of Tribes removed to OK IND Territory <https://www.thesovereigntysymposium.com/tribe-websites/>

Blood Quantum

Doctrine of Discovery

Assimilation

Land Allotment

Trust Responsibility

Land Acknowledgement

Co-Management

**Recommended Publications from Tiajuana's Library:**

American Indian Policy in the Twentieth Century Edited by Vine DeLoria, Jr. ©1985 University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, OK ISBN 0-8061-1897-0

American Indians American Presidents A History Edited by Clifford E. Trafzer, in association with the National Museum of the American Indian Smithsonian Institution. HarperCollins Publishers ©2009 ISBN 978-0-06-146653-3

American Indian Policy in the Jacksonian Era by Ronald N. Satz. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, OK. ©1975. ISBN 0-8061-3432-1

Americans A Collision of Histories by Edward Countryman. Published by Hill and Wang, New York ©1996 Library of Congress E169.1,C792

Arts of Diplomacy Lewis & Clark's Indian Collection by Castle McLaughlin. Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University Cambridge Massachusetts University of Washington Press

Choctaw Food Remembering the Land, Rekindling Ancient Knowledge by Ian Thompson. Choctaw Print Services, Durant, Oklahoma ISBN 978-0-9972648-8-3 ©Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Picturing Indian Territory Portraits of the Land that Became Oklahoma, 1819-1907 Edited by B. Byron Price. ©2016 University of Oklahoma Press, Manufactured in China. LCCN2016008830

The History of the American Indians by James Adair. Published by Pantianos Classics ISBN-13: 978-1543127249. First published in 1775 Tiajuana's note: Adair argues American Indians descended from Jews.

Treaties on Trial The Continuing Controversy over Northwest Indian Fishing Rights by Fay G. Cohen. University of Washington Press ©1986 ISBN 0-295-96268-2

**American Indian Documentation, Recognition**

U. S. Census <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2025/aiian-month.html>

Federally Recognized Tribes <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/01/08/2024-00109/indian-entities-recognized-by-and-eligible-to-receive-services-from-the-united-states-bureau-ofhttps://www.bia.gov/as-ia/ofa>

Official listing of Federally Recognized Tribes

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/01/08/2024-00109/indian-entities-recognized-by-and-eligible-to-receive-services-from-the-united-states-bureau-ofhttps://www.bia.gov/as-ia/ofa>

2020 Map of Federally Recognized Tribes with lands

[https://www2.census.gov/geo/maps/DC2020/AIANWall2020/2020\\_AIAN\\_US.pdf](https://www2.census.gov/geo/maps/DC2020/AIANWall2020/2020_AIAN_US.pdf)

Forced Removal: <https://www.tiktok.com/@pbsdigitalstudios/video/7587186375217155358> Delaware Lenape state almost

## Organizations

National Congress of American Indians <https://www.ncai.org/>

Native American Rights Fund <https://narf.org/>

Locations of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums <https://www.atalm.org/locations-of-north-american-native-nations-and-cultural-institutions/>

## Determining tribal membership

Who is and who isn't a tribal citizen? From description of book:[https://www.fulcrumbooks.com/product-page/the-great-vanishing-act?utm\\_campaign=a67da87c-ba18-4551-ab71-6cf332745ee&utm\\_source=so&utm\\_medium=lp&cid=4a5ad90c-d903-41cf-9655-09deda1cc097](https://www.fulcrumbooks.com/product-page/the-great-vanishing-act?utm_campaign=a67da87c-ba18-4551-ab71-6cf332745ee&utm_source=so&utm_medium=lp&cid=4a5ad90c-d903-41cf-9655-09deda1cc097)

The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 was the US government's attempt to define who "Indians" were. Among the criteria the act set was a blood quantum, which declared that "Indians" were "all other persons of one-half or more Indian blood". Today, many tribes wrestle with the legacy of blood quantum and "Indian" identity, as they work to manage tribal enrollment and social services. As the bloodlines grow increasingly diluted, within a few generations, recognized tribes might legally disappear. Through essays, personal stories, case studies, satire, and poetry, The Great Vanishing Act brings together writers from around the world to explore the biological and cultural metaphor of blood quantum, the most critical issue facing Indigenous populations in the twenty-first century.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2018/02/09/583987261/so-what-exactly-is-blood-quantum>

<https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2018/02/07/583665568/love-and-blood-quantum-buy-in-or-die-out>

[https://www.fulcrumbooks.com/product-page/beyond-blood-quantum-refusal-to-disappear?utm\\_campaign=a67da87c-ba18-4551-ab71-6cf332745ee&utm\\_source=so&utm\\_medium=lp&cid=4a5ad90c-d903-41cf-9655-09deda1cc097](https://www.fulcrumbooks.com/product-page/beyond-blood-quantum-refusal-to-disappear?utm_campaign=a67da87c-ba18-4551-ab71-6cf332745ee&utm_source=so&utm_medium=lp&cid=4a5ad90c-d903-41cf-9655-09deda1cc097)

Discussion on Federal Recognition for Lumbee people:

<https://smokymountainnews.com/archives/item/28263-cherokee-chief-testifies-against-lumbee-recognition>

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

<https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/ofa> - The Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) within the Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (AS-IA) of the Department of the Interior implements Part 83 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations ([25 CFR Part 83](#)), *Procedures for Federal Acknowledgment of Indian Tribes*

**An example of Land Acknowledgement:** *The National Association for Interpretation acknowledges, with respect, that our headquarters in Fort Collins, Colorado, is located on the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Ute Nations and peoples. This was also a site of trade, gathering, and healing for numerous other Native tribes. We recognize the Indigenous peoples as original and current stewards of this land and all the relatives within it. As these words of*

*acknowledgment are spoken and heard, the ties Nations have to their traditional homelands are renewed and reaffirmed.*

<https://www.tiktok.com/@ghostscbs/video/7288036196847013163> why do land acknowledgement

### Military Service

<https://www.fallentimbersbattlefield.org/2024/10/31/230th-anniversary-of-the-battle-of-fallen-timbers/>

Battle of Fallen Timbers: <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/PLAW-106publ164/related>

War of 1812; McKee's Command

<https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/dwight-w-birdwell>

WW1 Choctaw Code Talkers: <https://www.thenmusa.org/articles/world-war-i-code-talkers/>  
[https://doughboy.org/the-choctaw-code-talkers-the-ideal-american-doughboy-and-the-adventure-of-a-lifetime/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://doughboy.org/the-choctaw-code-talkers-the-ideal-american-doughboy-and-the-adventure-of-a-lifetime/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

### Modern-day ICE operations detaining American Indians

<https://eji.org/news/supreme-court-allows-stops-based-on-race-to-continue/>

<https://narf.org/webinar-know-your-rights/> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJfq\\_mC5dTU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJfq_mC5dTU)

### Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 <https://www.doi.gov/iacb/act>

<https://www.doi.gov/iacb/source-directory>

[https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/iacb\\_facts\\_brochure\\_2011.pdf](https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/iacb_facts_brochure_2011.pdf)

[https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/iacb\\_know\\_the\\_law\\_brochure\\_2019\\_final\\_web.pdf](https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/iacb_know_the_law_brochure_2019_final_web.pdf)

### Trust responsibilities

Cobell v Salazar: <https://forms.ksacms.com/efiling/fr/singlepage/CobellMedia/new?form-version=1>

Discussion of Trust history [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cobell\\_v.\\_Salazar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cobell_v._Salazar)

Boldt Decision: <https://www.fws.gov/story/50-years-boldt-decision>

### Federally Recognized Tribes/Nations today:

Cherokee Nation Today <https://anadisgoi.com/index.php/government-stories/cherokee-nation-university-of-oklahoma-officially-launch-30m-nursing-school-partnership>

<https://ou.edu/news/articles/2025/november/ou-adds-first-tribal-healthcare-policy-analyst-to-support-icon-grant>

2020 US Census: <https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/interactive/detailed-race-ethnicities-2020-census.html>



US Census page.pdf

2010 American Indian Population US Census:

### Events

State of Indian Nations address to US Congress, Feb. 9, 2026; can be streamed.

<https://www.ncai.org/event/2026-soin>

### Questions?

Please email me with your questions and I'll do my best to find answers. I can provide a list of recommended books on the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma – history and today.