



## Indigenous Peoples and Nations

[Animated Short Videos](#): Created by the Salish, Kootenai and Pend d'Oreille Tribes on the Flathead Indian Reservation, these videos address a variety of topics and you will learn about their history and culture and discover why they refer to themselves as a People of Vision. (Videos, various lengths)

### [Did Colonists Give Infected Blankets to Native Americans as Biological Warfare?](#)

There's evidence that British colonists in 18th-century America gave Native Americans smallpox-infected blankets at least once—but did it work? (Article by Patrick J. Kiger, History Channel, Nov 25, 2019.)

*Gichigami Hearts: Stories and Histories from Misaabekong*, Linda LeGarde Grover, University of Minnesota Press (2021). ISBN 978-1-5179-1193-5. Within a larger history, Grover tells the story of her ancestors' arrival at the American Fur Post in far western Duluth more than two hundred years ago. Their fortunes and the family's future are inextricably entwined with tales of marriages to voyageurs, relocations to reservation lands, encounters with the spirits of the lake and wood creatures, the renewal of life—in myth and in art, the search for meaning in the transformations of our day is always vital.

*An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*, Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, Beacon Press, Boston (2014). ISBN 978-0-8070-5783-4. This is the first history of the United States told from the perspective of indigenous peoples. New York Times bestseller, recipient of the American Book Award.

[The National Indian Child Welfare Association](#). NICWA works to support the safety, health, and spiritual strength of American Indian and Alaska Native children along the broad continuum of their lives. They support tribes in building the capacity to prevent child abuse and neglect through positive systems change at the state, federal, and tribal levels. They are the most comprehensive source of information on American Indian and Alaska Native child welfare. The *Indian Child Welfare Act* (ICWA) was enacted in 1978 in response to a crisis affecting American Indian and Alaska Native children, families, and tribes.

[Native America](#). Explores the world created by America's First Peoples. The four-part series reaches back 15,000 years to reveal massive cities aligned to the stars, unique systems of science and spirituality, and 100 million people connected by social networks spanning two continents. (PBS program, each program 53:31 minutes, supplemental video clips available online.)

[Native Land Digital](#). Native Land Digital is a Canadian not-for-profit organization.

[Native Nations: Standing Together for Civil Rights](#). It was a turbulent time. Amid social unrest, American Indian activists and organizers struggled for sovereignty, justice, and civil rights. Standing together, Native nations and the National Indian Lutheran Board emerged to speak out with a unified voice. Produced for and funded by the ELCA, *Native Nations: Standing Together for Civil Rights* is exploring the role of the Lutheran church in the American Indian civil rights movement of the 1970s and 1980s. (Video, 58:34)

[Neither Wolf Nor Dog](#). A white author is sucked into a road trip through the heart of Native American Country by a Lakota elder and his best friend forcing the author into a deep understanding of

contemporary native life. (Commercial video, 1h 50min; contains strong language and complex topics so viewer discretion is advised. DVD generally available through media outlets, trailer available on [Vimeo](#).)

[\*Ohiyesa: The Soul of an Indian\*](#) This documentary follows Kate Beane, a young Dakota woman, as she examines the extraordinary life of her celebrated relative, Charles Eastman (Ohiyesa). Biography and journey come together as Kate traces Eastman's path—from traditional Dakota boyhood, through education at Dartmouth College, and in later roles as the first Native American certified as a physician in Western medicine, author, lecturer, and Native American advocate. His name comes from his white grandfather, Seth Eastman, a career U.S. Army officer stationed at Fort Snelling. (Video, 57 min., available by loan through the synod office)

[\*The Sandy Lake Tragedy\*](#). Written and directed by Lorraine Norrgard, and published by the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, *The Sandy Lake Tragedy* recounts the effects of U.S. government attempts to forcibly relocate the Ojibwe from Wisconsin, Michigan, and eastern Minnesota to the west of the Mississippi River in the mid-nineteenth century without adequate supplies or preparation. (Video, 27:45)

[\*Zaaqibagaang: Anishinaabe Values in Action\*](#). The videos in this series explore topics ranging from core teachings within the Ojibwe culture to an explanation of tribal governance and sovereignty. (Videos, various lengths)