

Indigenous-Settler Relations in the United States after 1850

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Description:

Native nations in the United States faced a host of challenges posed by American settler expansion in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The US federal government launched a campaign to further appropriate indigenous lands by removing Native peoples to reservations and subjecting them to policies designed to assimilate them into American society. At every step, Native nations resisted settler encroachment and negotiated federal Indian policy. In this course, we will explore how Native American tribes worked through their status as “domestic-dependent nations” to protect homelands and resources and to advance their tribal sovereignty into the late twentieth century. We will focus on topics such as Native-settler violence, land allotment, the Indian Reorganization Act, Termination, the Red Power movement, and Indian law and treaties.