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- **Indian Reservation** (noun) – land that is managed by a federally recognized American Indian tribe under the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- **treaty** (noun) – a formal agreement between two groups, armies, or nations.
- **assimilate** (verb) – to become absorbed into a larger culture. To fit in, people change their language, clothing, religion, and other cultural behaviors. Sometimes assimilation is a choice, and sometimes it is forced.
- **Indian termination policy** (noun) – Policy during the 1940s-1960s intended to end the federal government's relationship with Native American Tribes. The legislation ended tribal sovereignty, a tribe's ability to govern itself, and become subject to state and federal laws.
- **confiscate** (verb) – to take or seize without authority
- **appropriate** (verb) – to take something for one's own use
- **sterilization** (noun) – a surgery that makes someone unable to give birth
- **genocide** (noun) – mass killing of a group of people
- **matriarchy** (noun) – a society or government ruled by women
- **patriarchy** (noun) – a society or government ruled by men
- **Wounded Knee massacre** (noun) – an 1890 massacre where U.S. troops killed 150-300 Native Americans in South Dakota
- **Watergate scandal** (noun) – a political scandal during the early 1970's that led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon
- **sarcasm** (noun) – using sharp expressions or irony to mock and show contempt
- **ecology** (noun) – the study of how living organisms interact with one another
- **plight** (noun) – a dangerous or unfortunate situation

- **suasion (noun)** – the act of influencing or persuading
- **solicit (noun)** – to ask or to try to obtain something from someone
- **deferential (adjective)** – showing humility or respect
- **obsequious (adjective)** – obedient and attentive in a way that is not genuine