

Name _____ Hour _____

Video Clip: Carlisle School Reflection

In the last few weeks, we have discussed the Indian Removal Act of 1830 and the Trail of Tears. We have also watched a video clip concerning the establishment of the Carlisle School for Indians in Pennsylvania in 1879. Throughout the course of our history, the relationship between the U.S. government and the American Indian has been a bitter one—the sad result of hundreds of broken treaties and cultural misunderstanding.

Directions: Choose one of the following and write a reflection. Be thoughtful and specific in your response and use complete sentences. Write top to bottom and left to right.

#1 Even though it was difficult to do, some of the tribal leaders decided to send their children to the Carlisle School. Why did they do so? Would you have been able to make the same decision? Why or why not? What would have been the most difficult part of this decision?

#2 Identify three ways the Carlisle School required the American Indian children to change when they arrived at the school. Why were the children required to do this? If you had been one of those children, what would you have found most difficult to do? Explain your answer.

#3 In the last scene, we saw an American Indian school and the Carlisle School. Identify three ways in which they were different. What would be the strengths of each school? What would be their weaknesses? What do you think of these two schools? Explain your answer.



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