

A Century of Dishonor 1881

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Assimilation-teach them the white culture

Dawes Act 1887- broke up reservation land into private allotments. Each N.A. family would receive a plot of land.

What was this suppose to accomplish?

1. This would help N.A. to become farmers
2. This would break up the tribal traditions of the N.A. , thus helping them to become a part of “White culture”

What actually happened-most N.A. sold their land to whites because they did not want to give up their tribal traditions. Most whites swindled the N.A. during these land sales.

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How? Send them to “white schools”

Two Types of “white schools”

1. Schools on Reservation taught by whites
2. Boarding schools

Why send them to white schools?

White perspective-Kill the N.A. culture, and totally amerce them into white culture

Native perspective- Give their children a chance in the white man’s world

Carlisle Indian School- Pennsylvania

This is an example of a boarding school
Natives sent their children to.

Many never saw their children again.

Many students left these schools feeling like
they did not indentify with either their
native families or the whites.

Carlisle School



Colonel Richard Pratt-(founder)









