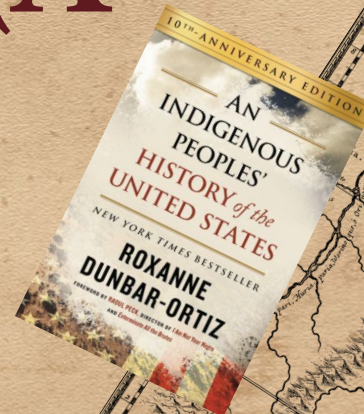
The background is a detailed historical map of the Amazon region, showing rivers like the Rio de las Amazonas and various indigenous groups such as the Aronaccas and Hacyshians. The map includes a compass rose in the bottom left and decorative cartouches. Overlaid on this map is the title text in a large, dark red serif font.

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States (A Brief Overview)

Credit: Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz



Land & Labor Acknowledgement

1. Decolonize land relations & undo intentional erasure of Indigenous peoples by reminding, recognizing, respecting, and naming Native communities as traditional stewards of this land
2. Express gratitude and appreciation to those whose homelands you reside on and the original people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial
3. Reflect on the longstanding history that has brought you to reside on the lands, space we occupy, and our current participation in the ongoing process of colonialism
4. Commit to learning more about Indigenous communities and their history, and take action to support and actively listen to Native peoples

TW: violence, abuse,
sexual violence,
genocide

Themes

1.

Colonialism

Colonialism and
genocide are
continuing and
ongoing processes

2.

Survivance

This is equally a story
about Indigenous
agency, survivance,
resistance, and life

3.

Solidarity

We must stand in solidarity
with Indigenous
communities and must hold
ourselves accountable



The American Origin Story Myth



- The American Origin Story and Doctrine of Discovery are myths
- The settler colonialism framework tells a more complete and truthful story of the United States
- Settler colonialism is a genocidal policy to deliberately exterminate Indigenous communities, occupy their land, and seize their resources
- Native American communities had thriving civilizations before colonization
- Firsting and Lasting



Sacred Indigenous Origin Stories

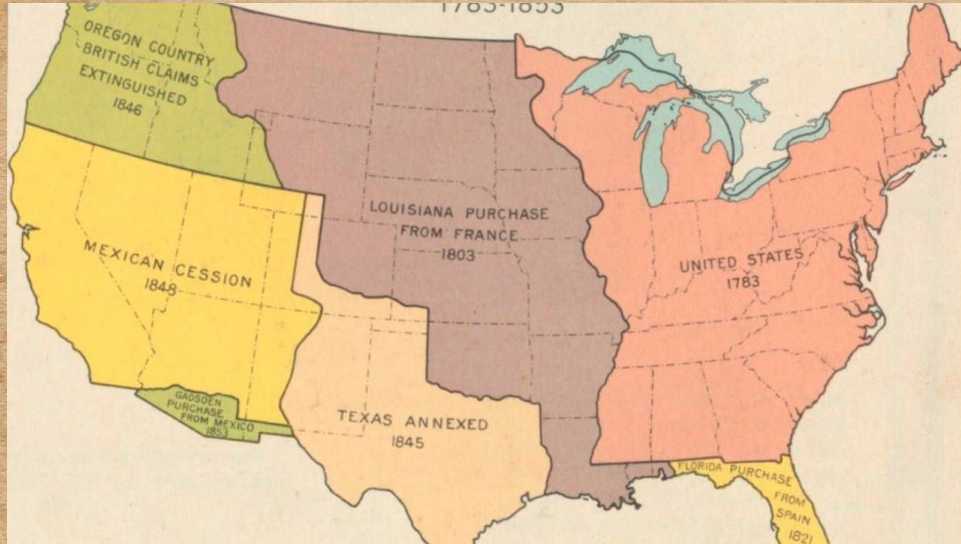


Colonial Wars

- Pequot War (1636-1638)
- Scalp Hunting
- French and Indian War (1754-1763)
- King Philip's War (1675-1678)
- Colonial Expansion



Manifest Destiny

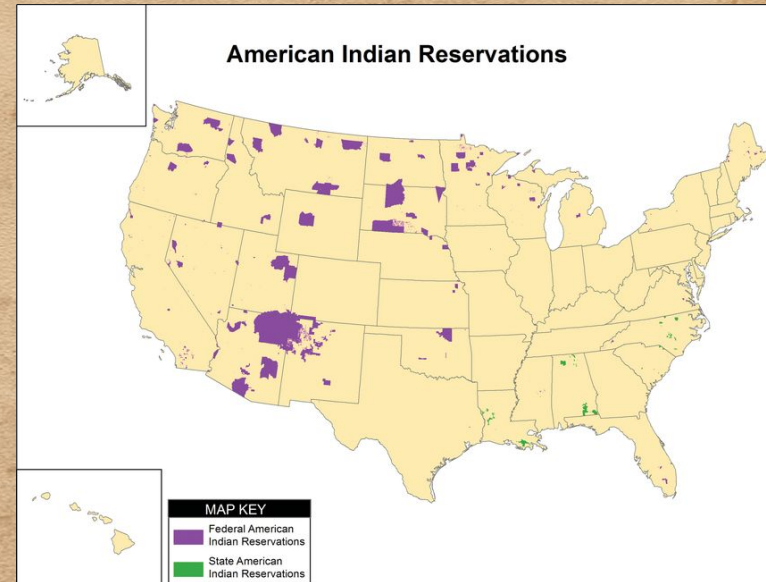


Trail of Tears



The Reservation Era (1850-1887)

- A reservation is an area of land managed by a Native American tribe under the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- 326 reservations and 574 federally recognized tribes
- Major Crimes Act in 1885
- Most Native Americans had either been relocated from the eastern half of the United States or saw their land holdings reduced to a minimum of their original territory
- Blood quantum



Boarding Schools

“Kill the Indian in him, and save the man”

~ Richard Henry Pratt



Native students line up at Carlisle Indian Industrial School



Michigan Anishnabbe leaders work to reclaim culture erased at boarding schools

Indigenous Resistance & Survivance

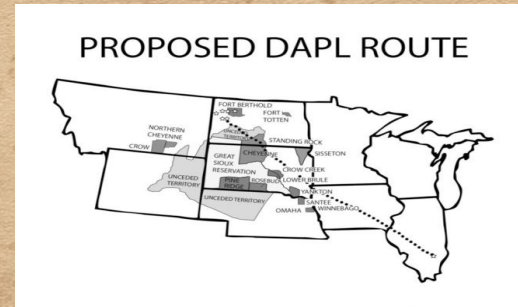
In 1969, Activists Began a 19-month Occupation of Alcatraz Island



In 1973, Activists Occupy Wounded Knee



In 2016, Standing Rock Sioux Oppose the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL)



Current Battles

- Lack of prosecution of crimes against Indigenous peoples
- Oil pipelines and man camps
- Climate change and lack of Indigenous representation in important climate-related conversations
- Infringements on water rights
- Voter suppression
- Infringement on tribal sovereignty and land
- Economic deprivation



Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women



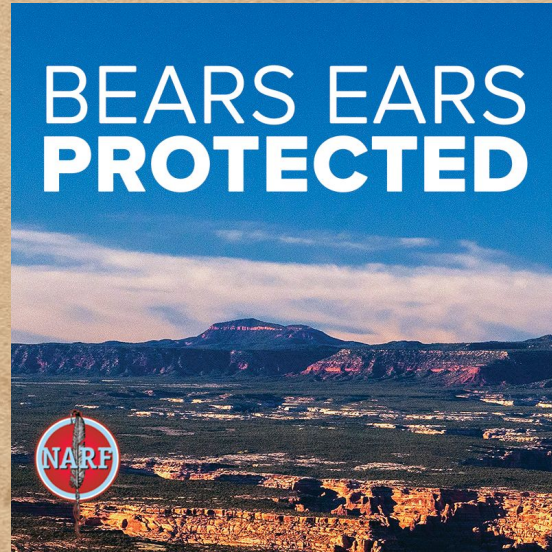
ONLY 116
of them were logged
in DOJ database

MURDER

The third-leading cause of death
among American Indian/Alaska
Native women.ⁱⁱⁱ



Native American Rights Fund (NARF)



Maui: Colonialism & Climate Change



LEGAL

MAUI SUES
BIG OIL OVER
CLIMATE
CHANGE



Take Action

1.

Donate to Indigenous organizations, movements, and mutual aid

2.

Shop from Indigenous-run businesses

3.

Actively listen to Indigenous voices and attend Indigenous events, seminars, and workshops

4.

Volunteer or intern with Indigenous organizations

5.

Educate yourself and share resources & info with others too!!

6.

Support Indigenous rights public policy and Indigenous sovereignty and Land Back efforts

Questions?

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