**UNIT VI NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES**

**Learning Focus**

In this unit, you will be examining the history of American Indians in the 19th century, a period of great change and significant misery for Native peoples. We will begin the unit by exploring the origins of the Indian removal policy, a trend that began gradually before there even a United States. The westward push by white settlers caused major conflict in the Northwest Indian War at the end of the 18th century. Conflict continued in Tecumseh's War and the War of 1812, two wars in which white takeover of Indian lands was a central issue. However, this policy of Indian removal greatly accelerated under President Andrew Jackson. We will examine more closely the struggles of the Cherokee in what became known as the Trail of Tears.

The concept of Manifest Destiny heightened the conflict between white settlers and Native peoples trying to protect their ancestral homelands. This notion of a divinely-inspired American westward destiny contributed to numerous wars in which Native land rights were a central issue. This was especially the case in the Mexican-American War. We will end the unit by examining the American conquest of Native peoples of the West, and we will especially examine American Indian efforts to cope with an increasingly unstoppable American westward push.

**Unit 6 Essential Questions**: Upon the completion of this unit, you will be able to do the following:

1. Identify the ways Native Americans resisted white settlement after the Revolutionary War.
2. Analyze the policies the U.S. developed in its relations with Native American groups.
3. Explain the different Native American views on dealing with the newly formed United States.
4. What was the relationship like between the U.S. government and the Native Americans in the time after the American Revolution? How did they each react to each other?
5. Why did the U.S. government adopt a policy of removal toward Native Americans?
6. How did the views of white Americans change toward Native Americans between the Revolutionary War and the Civil War?

**Unit 6 - Reading Questions and Test Review**

**Use the guiding questions below to help you take notes. You should be able to answer these before taking a Unit test.**

**6.1 Guiding Questions:**

In what ways did Native Americans resist white settlement of the trans-Appalachian regions?

How did the American government respond to Native American resistance?

How did issues with Native Americans contribute to the War of 1812?

**6.2 Guiding Questions:**

What was the background to American policies regarding Indian removal?

Why did the U.S. government create the Indian Removal Act?

How did Native Americans resist these policies?

What were the short-term and long-term effects of these policies?

**6.3 Guiding Questions:**

How did events like the Mexican-American War and the California Gold Rush affect westward expansion by the United States?

How did American expansionism prior to the Civil War affect Native Americans?

How did Native Americans resist efforts by the United States to expand in the decades before the Civil War?

**6.4 Guiding Questions:**

What role did the westward migration of white settlers play in the conquest of the West?

How well did the United States respect the treaties it signed with American Indian groups?

Why did the so-called "Indian Wars" occur?

# Battle of Fallen Timbers

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?465085-1/battle-fallen-timbers>

**The Battle of Horseshoe Bend** [https://www.schooltube.com/media/The+Battle+of+Horseshoe+Bend/1\_6yobp5d9](https://www.schooltube.com/media/The%2BBattle%2Bof%2BHorseshoe%2BBend/1_6yobp5d9)

# The Battle at Little Bighorn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UM4eQBpfGIg>

# Battle of Tippecanoe

# <https://www.c-span.org/video/?322916-1/discussion-battle-tippecanoe>

# Black Hawk

<https://www.pbs.org/video/wisconsin-black-hawk/>

# The Five Civilized Tribes

# <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7Tu1PdHCc8>

# Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce War

<https://www.pbs.org/video/chief-joseph-and-the-nez-perce-war-erosyw/>

# Crazy Horse <https://www.biography.com/video/crazy-horse-full-episode-2073086303>

# Great Indian Wars

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68yS5DGP7jo>

# Trail of Tears National Historic Trail

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7LSkfmCj8Jg**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7LSkfmCj8Jg)

# Ghost Dance & Wounded Knee

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GC42z0cCf\_U**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GC42z0cCf_U)