

**Title of Session:** AIS: History From a Native American Perspective  
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**BJB2** waves hi to Dwight and Priscilla

**PriscilaT:** hello

**BJB2:** here for the American Indian Studies discussion?

**PriscilaT:** yep

**DwightKS:** Yep

**BJB2** . o O ( we're still missing our discussion leader, but I'll try to get you started. )

**PriscilaT:** ok

**BJB2:** let's start with introductions, please

**BJB2:** where are you located and what is your interest in AIS?

**DwightKS:** I'm a highschool teacher in Ohio, and AIS falls under the American history umbrella.

**PriscilaT:** Well I am in Texas and I would just like to learn more about AIS for personal information

**BJB2** nods. Thanks.

**BJB2:** I'm a communications teacher in Pennsylvania and am interested in all kinds of multicultural studies

**BJB2:** Christine has placed some resources in this room...have you had a chance to look at them?

**DwightKS:** no I just stumbled onto this discussion recently and haven't had a chance to look at them.

**PriscilaT:** No, I barely found out there was going to be this discussion

**PriscilaT:** have you?

**BJB2:** above this chat window are featured items

**BJB2:** There is also a discussion board in this room. I'm going to show you how to join the group if you haven't done that

**DwightKS:** great

**BJB2:** this will subscribe you to the discussion board (not many posts)

**BJB2:** which will allow you to receive and post messages

**PriscilaT:** that sounds good

**BJB2:** above this chat window is a welcome note

**BJB2:** in the note is a line that reads This is the group room for American Indian Studies

**BJB2:** see that?

**BJB2:** there is a green i next to the group name

**DwightKS:** yes

**PriscilaT:** yes

**BJB2:** click on the green i

**BJB2:** you will see the group ID page above the chat

**DwightKS:** got it

**BJB2:** at the top of the page is a place to join this group

**BJB2:** just click

**PriscilaT:** ok

**DwightKS:** ok

**BJB2:** once you've joined, click on Room View at the top of your screen

**BJB2:** that will bring you back to the welcome screen

**PriscilaT:** ok

**BJB2:** I'm going to show you another advantage to joining a group

**DwightKS:** ok

**BJB2:** go to the pull down favorite places menu in the top right of your screen

**PriscilaT:** great

**BJB2:** you'll see that AIS has been added to your list

**DwightKS:** yep

**BJB2:** the favorite places menu allows you to go to any of the rooms listed from any location in Tapped In

**PriscilaT:** ok

**DwightKS:** cool

**BJB2:** I'm going to show you where you can find archived transcripts of past AIS discussions

**DwightKS:** ok

**BJB2:** [www.tappedin.org/transcripts](http://www.tappedin.org/transcripts)

**PriscilaT:** great

**BJB2:** Christine is on her way!

**ChristinR2** joined the room.

**BJB2** . o O ( my ignorant butt is saved! )

**ChristinR2:** better late than never?

**PriscilaT:** yep

**BJB2:** hi, Christine. Absolutely!

**ChristinR2:** I am so sorry I am late.

**ChristinR2:** How are you all?

**PriscilaT:** fine thank you

**DwightKS:** not a problem

**BJB2:** Dwight has joined the group

**ChristinR2:** Who do we have on board this evening?

**ChristinR2:** Have any of you been here before?

**DwightKS:** not me

**ChristinR2:** to the last two classes?

**PriscilaT:** no

**ChristinR2:** Hi BJ.

**DwightKS:** no

**ChristinR2:** well, I was hoping to have a guest speaker this evening.

**ChristinR2:** But I was unable to contact them.

**ChristinR2:** what do you teach?

**ChristinR2:** Or are you not teachers? Priscilla and Dwight?

**DwightKS:** Yes and No, I'm a highschool social studies teacher, currently between positions

**ChristinR2:** SS is my favorite way to approach Native studies.

**PriscilaT:** Yes I am junior high school teacher

**ChristinR2:** Do you have a background in the subject?

**ChristinR2:** Thanks, P.

**PriscilaT:** I teach biology but I just thought it would be interesting to be in this discussion

**DwightKS:** No specific back ground, but I'm fairly familiar with the subject

**ChristinR2:** well then, we have a small group tonight so are there any aspects of the subject you are interested in? Are either of you Native?

**ChristinR2:** I will reschedule the class with a speaker in the next week or two.

**PriscilaT:** ok

**PriscilaT:** no I am not native

**DwightKS:** ok

**ChristinR2:** In the meantime, would you like to tour some of our websites for teachers on Native subjects?

**DwightKS:** supposedly a great great great grandparent, but I don't even know what nation

**DwightKS:** sure

**ChristinR2:** I need to ask BJ how to do this, but I know we can stay in the chat and visit other sites as well. Hang on.

**ChristinR2:** Unless either of you know how?

**DwightKS:** not me

**PriscilaT:** No

**ChristinR2:** Hoping BJ will lead the way.

**BJB2:** whew!

**ChristinR2:** BJ how do we keep the chat and visit other sites?

**ChristinR2:** I would like to take the group to [www.changingwinds.org](http://www.changingwinds.org)

**PriscilaT:** ok

**ChristinR2:** I guess if you can open a new window..

**DwightKS:** That works, I'm there

**PriscilaT:** yep

**ChristinR2:** Okay, if you look at the home page you will see a button for Education

**DwightKS:** got it

**PriscilaT:** me too

**ChristinR2:** Okay, if you pull down the button you will find all kinds of links for teachers that are tribally approved

**ChristinR2:** For fun, click on the first link about mascots

**PriscilaT:** ok

**DwightKS:** Maybe I'm showing my ignorance, but what tribes?

**ChristinR2:** How do you both feel about the Indian team name and mascot issue?

**ChristinR2:** Many.

**ChristinR2:** There are links in there that come from Ca, AK, Wi, SD, and more. We have access to hundreds.

**DwightKS:** It depends on which name, Braves seems no more offensive than Celtics, but redskins seems blatantly racist.

**ChristinR2:** I worked with a school in Ca that was fighting to keep the name Braves and the local tribes wanted it gone.

**ChristinR2:** They said it undermined all other aspects of their culture.

**PriscilaT:** what happened?

**DwightKS:** Just curious about the tribe thing, I wasn't sure how homogeneous the Native American community was when it came to these issues.

**PriscilaT:** So did they keep the name braves?

**ChristinR2:** The thing about team names like the Braves, Warriors, etc, is that it celebrates non-native attributes.

**ChristinR2:** Many tribes were not warrior tribes and only fought under duress.

**ChristinR2:** Those tribes take great offense at names like that.

**PriscilaT:** Yes.

**DwightKS:** No argument from me

**ChristinR2:** Did you know that the Lakota just asked the Univ of Illinois to return the regalia that is worn by their mascot as a supposedly honor?

**PriscilaT:** No, really

**DwightKS:** no I didn't

**ChristinR2:** It is a battle that seems so silly and easily won, but it is crazy how hard schools fight to keep them.

**ChristinR2:** Okay, so let's scroll down

**PriscilaT:** ok

**DwightKS:** I went to Miami U. in Ohio there was a 20 year battle over the name redskins

**ChristinR2:** The next thing on the list is a curriculum for probably the middle schoolers. It's a very powerful curriculum for stereotype issues.

**ChristinR2:** How about checking out the Native Perspective, about the fourth one down or so.

**DwightKS:** Ok

**PriscilaT:** ok

**ChristinR2:** Its hard to dispute that redskins is or is not racist. It flat out is. LOL

**ChristinR2:** OK, on this section, you will find tons of writing by Native people about different experiences

**ChristinR2:** as well as some very interesting war documents

**PriscilaT:** It's great

**DwightKS:** Ironically, there was virtually no native population attending the university

**ChristinR2:** At UND, the team name is the fighting Sioux and I have never met a Native student there who feels comfortable attending a game there.

**ChristinR2:** This is one of my favorite website pages.

**ChristinR2:** There are a lot of resources here for students of all ages to use for reports.

**PriscilaT:** It's really good I like it too.

**DwightKS:** This curriculum seem appropriate for HS as well as JRHS

**ChristinR2:** Let me know when you are ready to move on.

**ChristinR2:** Yes, it is.

**DwightKS:** Ready when you are.

**PriscilaT:** yes

**PriscilaT:** me too

**ChristinR2:** Ok, on that page, scroll down to the bottom and click on Home Page

**ChristinR2:** STAR Home

**PriscilaT:** on home page right?...

**PriscilaT:** ok

**ChristinR2:** [www.racismagainstindians.org](http://www.racismagainstindians.org) if you get lost

**DwightKS:** yep

**ChristinR2:** okay, now for a real eye opener.

**ChristinR2:** scroll down the home page to Racism: Is South Dakota Burning?

**PriscilaT:** wow

**PriscilaT:** I totally like this page seriously..

**ChristinR2:** I do a lot of Civil Rights work in SD. Many of these links are a few years old, but there are still a lot of problems. There. I have seen very scary things go on there.

**DwightKS:** It's a keeper

**PriscilaT:** like what?

**ChristinR2:** Good. Take a minute to look it over then I will introduce you to the speaker who will join us next time.

**BJB2** . o O ( a reminder that you will get a transcript of this discussion, including urls, when you log out )

**PriscilaT:** ok

**ChristinR2:** Oh, my. Like what...okay. Imagine the worst.

**PriscilaT:** ok :0

**BJB2:** The next AIS discussion is on March 8

**ChristinR2:** It's too late tonight to talk about it. I am going to plan a longer discussion soon. I am so sorry I got here late. Ok, go to Indian 101

**ChristinR2:** Back on the STAR home page

**PriscilaT:** don't worry that is fine and well I will be waiting for the next discussion

**ChristinR2:** Okay, meet Richie. I will leave you with this page. Read his writings when you have time. He's terrific, warm funny guy. He has agreed to speak but didn't make it tonight.

**PriscilaT:** ok great....

**DwightKS:** Ok thanks

**ChristinR2:** So for now, I am going to sign off.

**ChristinR2:** I hope you feel I was able to bring you some useful info.

**PriscilaT:** well good bye and thank you

**BJB2:** Thanks for being here, Christine...I'm sure Priscilla and Dwight learned much more from you than they would have from me!

**ChristinR2:** Thanks so much for coming and I will reschedule again very soon.

**DwightKS:** hope to talk to you all later, over and out

**ChristinR2:** Y'all come back now, here?

**BJB2** waves goodnight. See you on March 8

**PriscilaT:** ok bye.. see you all next time....hopefully