

AN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

Our Summer Read: Here are some questions to begin to think about as you are reading this book. Each week I will post more questions, and on August 22 at 4 pm we will have a discussion about the first half of the book. Thank you for being willing to read this book as part of your summer reading.

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Chapter One: Follow the Corn (pages 17-31)

Think-Questions

- How does the term “New World” erase the histories of Indigenous peoples of North and South America?
- Is the idea of Indigenous scientists and engineers operating thousands of years ago surprising? Discuss some of the scientific and engineering accomplishments they created.

Chapter Two: Culture of Conquest (pages 32-46)

Think-Questions

- When you encounter someone new who's different from you, what beliefs do you call upon to determine how you will engage with that person?
- Is it OK to do “whatever it takes” to get rich or powerful? Why or why not?

Chapter Three: Cult of the Covenant (pages 47-61)

Think-Questions

- How is the way one group of people views others depicted in their symbols? What are some examples from history and from current times?
- How do we know that the myth of a “pristine wilderness” is a false belief that gets retold in origin stories? How is land viewed differently by Indigenous people and by settler colonialists?