

A Native Perspective Answer Key

1. The land provided food, shelter, cultural traditions, and spiritual connections.
2. They were forced to move away from their homelands, rebuild their communities, and adapt to unfamiliar places.
3. Many promises of peace or shared land were broken.
4. They preserved their identity, languages, and traditions despite losing their land and facing difficulty.
5. Answers will vary. Teacher checks for empathy and thoughtful reasoning.
6. Answers will vary; expected ideas include understanding multiple viewpoints and the real impact of expansion on Native peoples.

Teacher's Guide

- Encourage respectful discussion that acknowledges the historical harm experienced by Native communities.
- Help students identify key phrases in the text that show cause-and-effect relationships.
- Vocabulary support: **sacred, traditions, generations, identity.**
- Differentiation:
 - Offer reflective sentence starters such as: "I might feel..." or "This would be challenging because..."
 - Challenge advanced students to research a specific tribe's experience during westward expansion and compare it to the passage.
- Engagement:
 - Use a concept map to explore what "home" means to students and why losing it has emotional and cultural impact.
- Extension Ideas:
 - Invite students to explore modern efforts led by Native communities to preserve language and culture.
 - Connect to geography by examining maps showing how tribal lands changed over time.