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Indigenous Perspective; Sharing History and Culture
Introduction

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The goodness in me, sees the goodness in you.

(Whiting, 2018)
Native-Land.ca

Northern Kentucky University- Aerial: View

(Ariel View NKU, 2022)
A Diverse People

- 600 Federally recognized tribes
- Many more non-recognized tribes

(Grand entry 2018)
The Apache
Gran Apacheria
Iroquois Confederacy Wampum Belt

GREAT LAW OF PEACE

- The first draft of the Constitution
- “We the People”, ancient indigenous phrase
- Great Law formed the bases of the Constitution
- 1998 Congress passes resolution
What’s in a name?

Merciless
Hostile
Savage
The Western Expansion
Legends
Reservations
Kill the Indian—Save the Man

- Assimilation
- Indoctrination
- Parental alienation
The Indian Relocation Act

1956
Sacred Circle

HUMANKIND HAS NOT WOVEN THE WEB OF LIFE. WE ARE BUT ONE THREAD WITHIN IT. WHATEVER WE DO TO THE WEB, WE DO TO OURSELVES. ALL THINGS ARE BOUND TOGETHER. ALL THINGS CONNECT.

—CHIEF SEATTLE
“We, the great mass of the people think only of the love we have for our land, we do love the land where we were brought up. We will never let our hold to this land go, to let it go it will be like throwing away (our) mother that gave (us) birth.” – Letter from Aitooweyah to John Ross, Principal Chief of the Cherokee.
Why Do We Dance?

Children and Young Adults now included in Ceremony.

1. Social

2. Sacred Ceremony

1883 – Indigenous religious practices forbidden.

1978 - American Indian Religious Freedom Act

Children and Young Adults now included in Ceremony.
Significance of Hair
Service

1. Activism to protect sacred places, and the environment.
2. Elderly, and most vulnerable members.
3. Raise awareness and support.
4. Protecting the land of our ancestors
American History is Indigenous History

Ya’at’eeh, Questions?
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Q/A/Discussion
Thank you for your participation!

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