

### Building Background and Connecting

In your spiral notebook please answer the following questions in complete sentences:

1. What is a stereotype?
  2. What are some examples of stereotypes?
  3. Why are stereotypes a problem?
- Can a stereotype ever be useful? Good? Right?



WORDS TO OWN

\*\*\*On your own sheet of paper\*\*\*

Making the meaning with synonyms

Use a dictionary to find a synonym for each Word to Own below. Then write a sentence or two using context clues that make the meaning of the synonym clear.

Word to Own

Ex: Massacre

Synonym

Slaughter

Sentence

Wounded Knee was not so much a battle as a slaughter that killed many innocent people.

1. penned

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2. treaties

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3. duplicate

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4. oratory

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5. motifs

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Fact vs. Opinion  
Literary Notes- Spirial notebook

A **fact** is a statement that can be verified through direct observation, by checking primary sources, or by conducting some sort of an experiment.

An **opinion** is a statement that cannot be directly verified.

Middle School is more difficult than elementary school.

-Copy this chart and complete as a group.

Evidence For	Statement	Evidence Against
	Middle school is harder than elementary school	

### Before Reading

Look at each of the statements, preview. Read and discuss in your group whether or not you agree with them.

Evidence For	Statement	Evidence Against
	If children sang songs, they would learn to love the sounds nature.	
	American students need to learn about history.	
	The Battle of the Little Bighorn occurred in 1876.	
	The Navajo and Sioux were part of the Grand Council Fire of American Indians	
	Wounded Knee Creek is in South Dakota.	

### During Reading

Record evidence from the text *for and against* each statement while or after you read *"The First Americans"*

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### After Reading

After reading, find evidence that defends and supports

1. The white man.

2. The American Indians

Statement:	Evidence:
The white man is correct.	1. 2. 3.
The American Indians are right.	1. 2. 3.

## Post-Reading Reflection

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What stereotypes are mentioned in "The First Americans"? How do you think the writers felt about those stereotypes?



Grammar Link-

Write the full sentence and correct modifier that completes the sentence in your spiral notebook.

1. The Grand Council Fire of American Indians expressed its dissatisfaction (**well/good**)
2. The problem must be (**bad/badly**) for the Council to address it so passionately.
3. I wonder if the mayor of Chicago responded (**good/well**) or (**bad/badly**) when he heard the Council's argument.
4. Since it is (**good/well**) to hear both sides of an argument, I wish I could have heard the mayor's response.
5. I wonder if the present-day statues of American Indians would strike the authors as (**good/well**) or (**bad/badly**).

