BURY MY HEART AT WOUNDED KNEE: VIDEO QUESTIONS

Chief Sitting Bull - Lakota Sioux; Chief Red Cloud - Oglala Sioux (Same nation, different tribes)

1. What Battle is depicted at the beginning of the movie?

2. Who was considered by President Grant and his advisors to be a “fool” for his slaughter at this battle?

3. What did the government want from Chief Red Cloud and the Oglala Sioux Indians?

4. How did General Miles insult Chief Sitting Bull? What was the result?

5. Where did Chief Sitting Bull take his people?

6. Under what conditions did the Mounties say that Chief Sitting Bull and his people, the Lakota Sioux, would be permitted to live on Canadian soil?

7. Give several examples of how Native Americans were either choosing to or being forced to assimilate into white American culture.

8. What name did the Native American boy in the classroom choose as his Christian name?
9. Why did Chief Sitting Bull “whip” the two young boys?

10. What was the government’s new plan to get a hold of the Black Hills region of the Sioux lands? Did this pass?

11. How did Sitting Bull feel about assimilation?

12. What was the biggest “killer” of the Sioux on the reservation?

13. When “Charles Eastman” arrived at the Standing Rock Reservation he saw a sign that read “Every man a chief.” Why did this appear to disturb him?

14. What were conditions like for the Sioux at the Standing Rock Reservation?

15. A Plains Indian prophet named Wovoka comes to the Sioux and encourages them to participate in the “Ghost Dance.” What did they believe would happen by evoking the spirits with this ritual?

16. Senator Henry Dawes returns to the Sioux with a new offer for their land; what was this new offer?
17. How did Chief Red Cloud respond to Chief Sitting Bull’s refusal to agree with Senator Dawes’ offer?

18. What ultimately happened to Chief Sitting Bull?

19. What happened at Wounded Knee Creek shortly after Sitting Bull’s arrest?

20. What job did Henry Dawes get for “Charles Eastman”? Why do you think Charles was unable to complete this job?