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## OSAGE LANDS & MINERALS - 1872 to TODAY

### Review Questions



#### RESERVATION IN OKLAHOMA

1. The Osage moved in the year **1872** to their reservation today, which is the northeast part of the state of **Oklahoma**, and is the same area as **Osage** County, Oklahoma.
2. On this **1.5** million acres: the east half is **wooded** (part of **Cross Timbers** ecosystem), and the western part is **tallgrass prairie** (part of the **Flint Hills** eco-region).
3. Why did the Osage feel this land would be safer from white intrusion? **Because whites thought the land was too hilly and rocky for cultivation**

**ALLOTMENT and MINERAL RIGHTS - write the word** in the blank before its definition:

**headright****assimilate****communal****mineral right****allotment**

4. **assimilate** - to give up your culture and blend in to a new society
5. **communal** - a community co-owning property without individual private ownership
6. **allotment** - a share or piece of divided-up land
7. **mineral right** - the right to mine or produce oil and gas, rocks, and underground minerals
8. **headright** - the right to a share of the whole mineral interest income
9. What are two reasons the government wanted to divide up and allot the Osage lands
  - (a) (answers vary) (answers vary) so the Osage would assimilate - end their communal life
  - (b) make it possible for whites to buy Indian land
  - turn Indian territories into State of Oklahoma

10. Chief James **Bigheart** insisted on special provisions in the Osage Allotment Act of **1906**.
11. In the chart below, tell how the Osage allotment provisions were different:

<b>Usual Indian Allotment Provisions</b>	<b>Osage Allotment Provisions</b>
Only part of land is allotted, rest is sold to outsiders	All land was allotted to tribal members, none sold to outsiders
Each member received 160 acres	Each member received 657 acres
Subsurface mineral rights are allotted along with surface ownership	Reserved subsurface mineral rights
Mineral rights are held separately	Mineral rights are communally-owned
Only owners of specific mineral-producing land parcels receive income	All members share in mineral wealth equally

12. Income from mineral rights helped make the Osage some of the wealthiest people in America in the 1920's.
13. The 1920's oil income also resulted in the "Reign of Terror" against the Osages.
14. What are two ways criminal non-natives stole wealth from Osage people?
- (a) (answers vary) Got appointed "legal guardians and embezzled income,
- (b) married into Osage families,
- even murdered Osage family members
15. What is the name of the best-selling book that told of the Osage Indian murders of the 1920's?
- Killers of the Flower Moon**