

Chilocco Fact Sheet + Song & Art: Review Questions

Background information - Chilocco Indian Boarding School

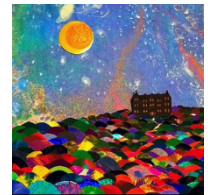


1. What years did the Chilocco School operate? _____ to _____
2. What is another term for "Native American"? _____
3. What word means across tribal lines? _____ What prefix means "across"? _____
4. What were two of the goals of the school? _____

5. What were two of their methods to achieve this? _____

6. How many students attended Chilocco? _____ How many tribes? _____
7. Despite being lonely and discouraged, what are some positive memories of Chilocco students?

Interpreting Song Lyrics & Artwork



8. From what tribe is the songwriter, Elexa Dawson? _____
9. Who is the speaker in her song? _____
10. (First verse) In what way were the Chilocco students living "like orphan sons"?

11. (Second verse) Using the translations (at the bottom), paraphrase (put into your own words) the last two lines: "Nani mina Os cannot lead us, / Chemokman's living they must earn."

12. (Second verse) What does this use of this native Potawatomi language tell us about the attempt of the school to erase native languages? _____
13. (Third verse) Native students, especially in early years, were used to living in lodges and teepees. What phrase describes the Chilocco buildings? _____
14. (Third verse) What phrase describes the inner freedom the students retained in spite of their physical confinement? _____
15. (Fourth verse) These schools attempted to erase the traditions of children from formerly nomadic and hunter-gatherer cultures, and turn them into farmers. What words refer to this loss of native culture? _____

16. (Album cover) What building is pictured on the "Many Moons" cover artwork? _____
17. What mood is created in this image of the building? _____
18. What phrase (from the third verse) is portrayed in the images in the sky?

19. There is a great contrast between the dark building and the brilliant colors of the surrounding land and sky. How does this represent the contrast between the Chilocco school's culture and the native cultures of its students? _____
