3 REASONS YOUR ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT NATIVE AMERICANS MIGHT BE RACIST

Don't worry, it's not your fault, & you are not alone.

Public school systems teach an incomplete & inaccurate version of Native American history.

EXAMPLE: CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS———PILGRIMS———THE END



Stereotypical representations of Native Americans through sport mascots. To note, the Clevland Indians have stopped using "Cheif Wahoo" as their mascot, and The Washington Redskins have changed their name to The Washington Football Team.









Depictions of Native Americans in Hollywood films. Until recently, most Native American characters were not portrayed by Native Actors. Additionally, most films do not accurately depict Native American culture.



Native Americans are real people, with a diverse range of cultures and perspectives. So, before you go making assumptions, it might help to read some good history books, avoid perpetuating stereotypes, and watch film by a Native American director.

APPROVED NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY BOOKS

The Sacred Hoop by Paula Gunn Allen

The HeartBeat of Wounded Knee by David Treuer

Custer Died for Your Sins by Vine Deloria Jr.

Indian Givers: How the Indians of the Americas Transformed the World by Jack Weatherford

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"It is certain, in any case, that ignorance, allied with power, is the most ferocious enemy justice can have."

-James Baldwin

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Title of Resource: 3 Reasons Your Assumptions About Native Americans Might Be Racist **Description:** This instagram carousel is meant to bring awareness to cultural attitudes and perspectives about Native Americans. Also, to point people to valuable resources and people currently engaged in different forms of activism.

Rationale: People should be aware that Native Americans are still alive and thriving despite centuries of oppression and genocide. We are culturally diverse, and still fighting for our rights. Bringing more awareness and visibility to our struggle is important when healing the soul of the United States.

Why I am an MLK Scholar? To be in a learning environment that is inclusive and sensitive to my experience as a person of color.