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Forces shaping the plight of Indians and Blacks

INDIANS

1. Indian resentment of white attitude
 - a. indians are barbarians and savages
 - b. colonists have a responsibility to civilize and christianize
 - c. obstacles to be removed
 - d. help yourself to the land without consideration new settlers just grab land
 - e. exercising white law upon Indian people without their consent
2. Indian view of their own culture
 - a. felt it to be superior
 - b. resented being treated without respect
 - c. offended by white disrespect for land and animals
 - d.
3. Susceptibility to white diseases
 - a. succumbed in epidemic proportions
 - b. greatly reduced numbers and power of resistance
4. Quaker Experiment
 - a. completely opposite of general white attitude
 - b. complete respect of Indian possession of land
 - c. respect for way of life
 - d. Indians began to migrate to live under such peaceable conditions
 - e. failed due to selfish land grabbers violation of law
5. White attempt to enslave Indians
 - a. armed some tribes to enslave others
 - b. whites turned on helping Indians attempting to enslave them as well
 - c. was difficult to enslave, knew turf better than white
6. Indian feeling in response to white abuse
 - a. white treatment pushed Indian to declare war
 - b. blind hatred, permanent feature
 - c. took stand to defend themselves
7. Inland Tribes Stronger
 - a. whites maneuvered to keep Indians on own side
 - b. introduction of weapons and goods eroded Indian life style
 - c. fur trade caused Indian to exploit the earth he had deemed sacred, exploitation a sacrilege
 - d. competition in furs caused friction between tribes
 - e. had the power to play two markets against each other
 - f. an alternative source of goods existed
 - f. tribes formed alliances against the enemy
8. White attempts to "civilize"

1763-

Indians -
native -
different culture

conflicting culture -

to Europeans opinion of natives
owned land

every man for self -

destroyed environment
(to farm) (depleted land). Depleted game
male dominated,

Indian -

harmony in nature

spiritual essence in nature
use as needed.

matrilined society - women had influence
communal. tribal affairs - could divorce
husband.

all went hungry - no one went hungry

colonist attempts to Christianize -

limited success -

menonites in Pa.
converted villages wiped out by

Indian hating elements.

general relationships with Ind & white
marked by broken treaties

Ind populations reduced by disease,
war - famine.

Political aspects of Indian relations
Fr Ind war - ended 1763. Ind. played French
against English - came out united & stronger than
before - Iroquois (separation alliance)

Cherokee - mingo - Creek alliance

Raybrac 1784 - gathered allied tribes & wrecked
honor all along pa + saw Engl frontier although
defeated, it proved Ind would not submit without
loss of honor

Cherokee - Creek
Battle of Oh Klegant 3 gave up hunting ground
rights -
Cherokee village
destroyed
Bandwagon with English - last