

Investigation 3: Government Promises

Directions: Examine the Fort Laramie Treaty for Government promises found in each article at <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/ntreaty/nt001.htm#art11>.

Article 1

All war between the Government and Indians signing agreement will cease. "Bad" men committing acts of war from here on will be punished.

Article 2

Boundaries of the reservation are detailed; Indians must relinquish claims to other land.

Article 3

Arable land guaranteed by actual survey to equal 160 acres per person.

Article 4

A U.S. government agency will be constructed, consisting of a warehouse, store-room, agent and physician residencies, five other buildings plus a school.

Article 5

The agent for the reservation will make his home there.

Article 6

Any head of family desiring to farm may select a tract of land of not more than 320 acres. Other eligible men may select smaller tracts.

Article 7

All children from 6-16 years of age will be compelled to attend school.

Article 8

First year farmers may receive seeds and agricultural implements valued at not more than one hundred dollars. A second blacksmith will be provided when needed.

Article 9

After ten years, the physician, farmer, blacksmith, carpenter, engineer, and miller may be withdrawn and money for training Indians in those jobs will be provided.

Article 10

On the first day of August of each year every Indian will be provided with materials for one outfit of clothing.

Article 11

Indians must not oppose construction of the railroads or attack homesteaders, cattle, or military posts.

Article 12

Three fourths of all adult male Indians must approve any cessation of reservation lands.

Article 13

The US will furnish annually a physician, teachers, carpenter, miller, engineer, farmer, and blacksmiths.

Article 14

A five hundred dollar reward will be paid to the ten persons who grow the most valuable crops.

Article 15

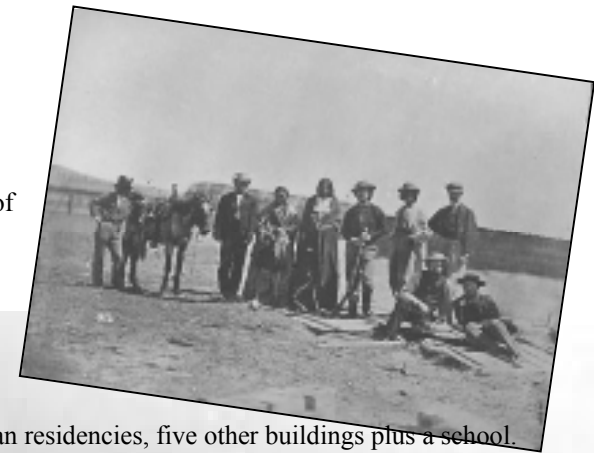
The reservation must be regarded as the Indian's permanent home.

Article 16

Military forts along the Bozeman Trail will be abandoned within 90 days of the treaty.

Article 17

This treaty nullifies all preceding treaties made between the parties.



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