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The Native American Ten Commandments.

1. Treat the earth and all that dwell thereon with respect
2. Remain close to the Great Spirit
3. Show great respect for your fellow beings
4. Work together for the benefit of all humankind
5. Give assistance and kindness wherever needed
6. Do what you know to be right
7. Look after the well-being of mind and body
8. Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater good
9. Be truthful and honest at all times
10. Take full responsibility for your actions

Indigenous Lands Have Highest Biodiversity: Study

August 05, 2019 Lands managed by Indigenous peoples may be key to saving the planet's biodiversity, according to a study published in the journal Environmental Science & Policy. Currently, the Earth is in the grips of what scientists have dubbed the "Sixth Mass Extinction," with the global rate of species extinction at least "tens to hundreds of times higher" than the average over the past 10 million years, a recent, major United Nations report suggested. Furthermore, around one million species

Read in Newsweek: https://apple.news/AmPW5gBMYS3qxYhs0iQN_8A

Justice and Equality in the Era of Climate Change?

Water is life. That was the rallying cry of the Dakota Access Pipeline protesters at Standing Rock, with whom tribal attorney Tara Houska stood shoulder to shoulder for months. Water scarcity is a present global reality. From Chennai, India to Flint, Michigan, communities already at risk are affected first and worst. "Eighty percent of the world's remaining biodiversity is in indigenous lands, so we are the last holders of these sacred places," said Houska. "One answer to 'how do we solve this'—beyond just teaching the truth—is standing together and really figuring out how do we have justice and equality in the era of climate change." [Read the full Q&A and watch the video.](#)

Pristine Arctic reserves will benefit wildlife and Inuit communities

Canada's newest marine protected area is expected to be a refuge for wildlife as other parts of the Arctic face instability.

Read in National Geographic: <https://apple.news/AD7weMpojST-Fxkop1WYqAg>

[Explore more perspectives in our interview series](#)

Native People Across the Pacific Are Resisting Dispossession of Sacred Land

<https://truthout.org/articles/native-people-across-the-pacific-are-resisting-dispossession-of-sacred-land/>

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Donald Trump's long history of clashes with Native Americans

washingtonpost.com

'I think I may have more Indian blood than a lot of the so-called Indians,' ...

"I tell my students, 'When you get these jobs that you have been so brilliantly trained for, just remember that your real job is that if you are free, you need to free somebody else. If you have some power, then your job is to empower somebody else. This is not just a grab-bag candy game.'"

— Toni Morrison (RIP)

"Children need art and stories and poems and music as much as they need love and food and fresh air and play. "



Researchers discover trees have a “heartbeat,” it’s just so slow we’ve never noticed before.

[Scientists Discover That Trees Have A "Heartbeat"](#)

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There is a huge number of living things on Earth, all with their own set of...

[Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe gets \\$1.2 million grant for water upgrades](#)

The investment will reportedly be used to expand the [Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe](#)’s current sewer water treatment facility by building a new wastewater treatment lagoon.

firstnationsfocus.com

[Antoinette Cavanaugh](#) is feeling thoughtful.

I’m learning.

According to Google, “\$100 in 1852 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$3,261.13 in 2018.”

In January of 1851 California’s state legislature appropriated \$500,000 to pay for anti-Indian state militia campaigns shortly after Peter Burnett was elected as California’s first civilian U. S. Governor. Again in May of 1852 the same legislators needed money to fund on-going anti-Indian state militia campaigns raising another \$600,000 for “Indian-hunting campaigns” (Woolford, Benvenuto, Hinton 2014, pgs. 98-100). In the space of roughly 14 months the California legislators appropriated nearly \$35 million in 2018 dollar value to HUNT indigenous people. Peter Burnett defined the state’s Indian policies by declaring “that a war of extermination will continue to be waged...until the Indian race becomes extinct.” This action rendered the Modoc tribe nearly extinct. According to the work of Raphael Lemkin, Axis Rule in Occupied Europe (1944), this action fits his definition of genocide.

I am surprised-not really-that people, could aspire to be a, “**a genuine Indian-killer.**”

Indigenous people were demonized by being called “Red Devils.”

What a history!



"I'm running out of adjectives to describe the scope of change we're...

New Report Finds Increased Oil and Gas Leasing and Drilling in Priority Sage-Grouse Habitat | Audubon

<https://www.audubon.org/news/new-report-finds-increased-oil-and-gas-leasing-and-drilling-priority-sage-grouse>

[FOCUS: Michael Moore | Guns in America Have Always Been About White Male Supremacy](#)

Michael Moore, Michael Moore's Facebook Page

Moore writes: "Guns in America have always been about white male supremacy. Just ask the native peoples, the slaves, students everywhere, abused women, any black driver, victims of US military terror at home & abroad, worshipers in a Charleston church or Latino shoppers at a

Walmart in El Paso." [READ MORE](#)

[Ancestry Digitizes Millions of Holocaust Records](#)

Some say it's a play for customers; others say that's irrelevant because anyone can search the documents at no cost.

Top Native American Documentaries – Learn The Real Story of Native Culture in History and Today **Posted By PowWows.com July 24th, 2019 Blog**

Learning with documentary movies and TV series captures the mind and helps you experience the truth about a particular time, place, or people in a more engaging way. Native American documentaries have shown glimpses of both historical events, individuals, and current issues that have to do with the first nation's people who have called the Americas home for far longer than European settlers.

Unfortunately, quite a few supposed truthful accounts have fallen short of that claim over the years. With all the stereotypes and blatant bigotry plaguing popular media about American Indians since the early days of western films about “evil savages,” finding the best Native American documentaries presents a challenge. While nothing is perfect, the following options will help you learn a much more accurate representation of what really went on, what goes on now, and the people who play a strong role in the Native American story. [Read More...](#)

Dinner Diplomacy Opportunities

The Northern Nevada International Center (NNIC) frequently seeks dinner hosts for various visiting delegations. Check out the following groups and see if you can host them in your home. Check out this [video](#) produced by the US Department of State to learn more about what home hosting entails:

- A delegation of eight people from Kyrgyzstan focusing on the topic of combating human trafficking, and they are looking for a diplomacy dinner on August 12 or 13th.
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- A delegation of sixteen people from Mexico, El Salvador and Guatemala will visit Reno to discuss indigenous and minority rights and the democratic process, and they are looking for a diplomacy dinner on August 16th, 17th, 18th or 19th.
- A delegation of twelve officials from Russia will visit Reno learning about American summer camps, and they are looking for a diplomacy dinner on

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- August 18th or August 19th.
- A delegation of four high level agricultural officials from Turkmenistan are looking for a diplomacy dinner on September 6, 7, 8, or 9.
- A delegation of eight English speaking individuals from around the world will be here learning about advancing an open, reliable and secure digital economy, and they are looking for a diplomacy dinner on September 22nd or 23rd.

Contact Carina Black at cblack@unr.edu if you are interested in hosting!



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Odds are, there's a spider watching you this very minute. At least that's what researchers found in a recent study.

[If Spiders Would Team Up, They Could Eat All Humans Within A Year](#)

Ireland to Become World's First Country to Divest From Fossil Fuels - EcoWatch

<https://www.ecowatch.com/ireland-fossil-fuels-divestment-2621293680.html>

All spent nuclear fuel in the U.S. will soon end up in one place

Some officials and locals worry about the dangers of storing spent nuclear fuel rods on 1,000 acres in remote New Mexico, but plans march forward for 2020.

Read in National Geographic: <https://apple.news/A5BSHfNrlQ2yzuEwVXe05tA>

[America's First Colonial Rebels Burned Jamestown to the Ground](#)

Bacon's Rebellion was triggered when a grab for Native American lands was denied.

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[9 Ancient Sumerian Inventions That Changed the World](#)

The Sumerian people of Mesopotamia had a flair for innovation. Here's how they left their mark.

Every Person's Voice Must Be Heard

Today a divided panel of judges from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit vacated a lower court's injunction, which was put in place to protect Native American and other voters in North Dakota. The lower court had barred the enforcement North Dakota's voter ID law because it found it was discriminatory and unconstitutional. The Eighth Circuit acknowledged that Native American voters may be disenfranchised but found that the lower court's injunction was too broad. Disappointingly, this week's order from the Eighth Circuit again allows North Dakota to continue using the discriminatory new law providing no relief to disenfranchised Native voters.

Matthew Campbell, a NARF Staff Attorney, stated "We must protect the integrity of our voting system and ensure that all eligible voters (regardless of income, housing, or place of residence) have the freedom to vote. Every person's voice must be heard. We will fight to ensure the voices of Americans-and specifically first Americans-are counted even if they do not have the luxury of a permanent home. Rules that inhibit an individual's freedom to vote are a threat to our democratic ideals. We will continue to stand strong against these anti-democratic attacks."

Read more [here](#)

[Looking For Native Artists – Design Shirts for PowWows.com – Make \\$\\$\\$](#)

Posted By [Paul G](#) July 27th, 2019 Blog

I am constantly blown away from the talent of Indian Country! The art I see on social media is amazing!

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A TRAUMA SENSITIVE CLASSROOM TIP

Rather than asking students about what they did over the summer, consider these questions instead:

1. What do you **LOVE** learning about?
2. What do you most **LOOK FORWARD** to this school year?
3. What are three **AWESOME** things about yourself?
4. What is one thing you'd like your teacher and classmates to **KNOW ABOUT YOU**?
5. What is **SOMETHING NEW** you'd like to make, create, try, build and/or learn about?



[Archaeologist works with tribe to explore its history and to repair historic injustices](#)

Archaeology Professor Matthew Liebmann took a group of undergraduate and graduate students to Jemez this summer to help members of the tribe excavate the site of two mission churches.

[What's in a Name? Meet the Government Employees Who Make the Call](#)

A little-known patchwork of bureaucratic boards are tasked with deciding when to change the names of geographic places

TO THE FAMILY OF ROBERT HUNTER

I wanted to share my thoughts and memories of Robert (Bob) who contributed so much in the way of Nevada's history with the tribes and I hope in some small way, memories will ease your pain at this difficult and sad time. I have known Bob for years, as I grew up in Nevada, but then moved away over 30 years ago to the East coast. After Bob retired, I applied for the job as Superintendent, and finally felt it was my time to return home.

I have great respect for the job that Bob held for so many years as Superintendent. It was a great privilege for me to assume all the responsibilities that came with this job. In the time that I worked there, I came to realize the great challenges and rewards of working with numerous tribes as opposed to being a "single tribe agency" like so many of the other agencies in the Western Region. There can be no greater and rewarding experience than working with tribes that have such a deep and rich history in the state of Nevada and I'm sure that Bob appreciated all this throughout his career serving as the Superintendent of the Western Nevada Agency. I wanted so much and so often to call him and ask him to sit down with me and have a good talk, but as time flew by, I never had that opportunity.

So today, I just wanted to thank Bob, and his family, for the respect and friendship that he always gave to me after I returned home to Nevada and served as the Superintendent. He was not one to boast of his accomplishments, or had no need to criticize those who came after him, and for that I greatly appreciate and respect him. I believe that no one will ever replace Mr. Hunter in his legacy as the Superintendent of Western Nevada Agency.

I left Nevada again in 2014 and returned back to Washington, DC where I now work—but, I know that I will return again one day as Nevada is my forever home and the soil of all my ancestors, as well as lifelong friends. So thank you, Robert Hunter, for allowing me the opportunity to come home back in 2007 when you retired, and to spend what I believe is one of the best experiences in my career.

May our Creator keep your family safe, and strong, and in prayer.

Blessings,

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