

**Title**

Political Aspects of Lakota Culture: An Approach to Curriculum Development.

**Theme**

Traditional Tiwahe to Current IRA Established Government.

**Goal**

Students will develop knowledge and understanding of the pre-Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) and post-IRA governments.

**Objective**

An understanding of Lakota government and politics begins with the traditional Tiwahe to the Oyate and everything in between. The traditional Lakota government was altered forever with the advent of the IRA. The push to return to a somewhat traditional government continues today.

**Theme One: The Tiwahe**

Goal: Students will gain an understanding of the earliest forms of tribal government.

Key concepts:

1. Household
2. Seating arrangement
3. Ate
4. Hereditary importance

Resources: Victor Douville – Lakota Tribal Government

**Theme Two: Tiospaye**

Goal: Students will gain an understanding of the community political structure.

Key concepts:

1. Naca (Leader)
2. Hereditary

Resources: Victor Douville

**Theme Three: Ospaye**

Goal: Students will gain an understanding of the band tribal government unit.

Key concepts:

1. Intancan (Leader)
2. Appointed

Resources: Victor Douville

**Theme Four: Oyate**

Goal: Students will gain an understanding of the nation's political structure.

Key concepts:

1. Yatapika (Leader)
2. Appointed

Resources: Victor Douville

**Theme Five: IRA Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council**

Goal: Students will develop an understanding of the IRA Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council Setup and Responsibilities.

Key Concepts:

1. Community vote
2. 2/3 majority
3. legislative body

Resources: Victor Douville

**Theme Six: Tribal President**

Goal: Students will gain an understanding of the responsibilities of the tribal leader.

Key concepts:

1. Elected
2. Obligations
3. Representation

Resources: Victor Douville

**Theme Seven: Community Chairpersons**

Goal: Students will develop an understanding of the function and roles of local community leaders.

Key concepts:

1. Elected
2. Community meetings
3. Representation

Resources: Victor Douville

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