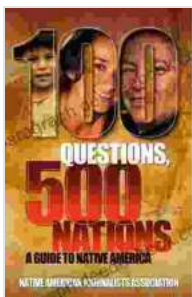


A Comprehensive Guide to Covering Tribes, Treaties, Sovereignty, Casinos, Reservations, and Indian Health

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Tribes

Native American tribes are sovereign nations that have their own governments, laws, and cultures. They are not subject to state or local laws, but they are subject to federal laws. Tribes have the right to self-governance, and they can enter into treaties with the United States government.



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There are over 570 federally recognized tribes in the United States. Each tribe has its own unique history, culture, and government. Tribes are located in every state in the country, but they are concentrated in the western United States.

Treaties

Treaties are agreements between the United States government and Native American tribes. Treaties have been used to establish the boundaries of reservations, to protect tribal rights, and to resolve disputes.

The first treaty between the United States and a Native American tribe was the Treaty of Fort Stanwix, which was signed in 1768. This treaty established the boundaries of the Iroquois Confederacy and recognized the sovereignty of the Iroquois tribes.

Since then, the United States government has entered into hundreds of treaties with Native American tribes. These treaties have had a significant impact on the lives of Native Americans.

Sovereignty

Sovereignty is the right of a nation to govern itself. Native American tribes are sovereign nations, and they have the right to self-governance. This right is protected by the Constitution of the United States.

The sovereignty of Native American tribes has been challenged over the years, but it has been upheld by the Supreme Court. In the landmark case

of *Cherokee Nation v. Georgia*, the Supreme Court ruled that Native American tribes are "distinct, independent political communities" that are not subject to state laws.

The sovereignty of Native American tribes is essential to their ability to preserve their cultures and traditions. It also allows tribes to provide for the health and welfare of their members.

Casinos

Casinos are a major source of revenue for many Native American tribes. Tribes have the right to operate casinos on their reservations, and they are not subject to state gambling laws.

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 established a framework for the regulation of Indian gaming. This law requires tribes to enter into compacts with states before they can operate casinos.

Casinos have had a significant impact on the economies of many Native American tribes. They have created jobs, generated revenue, and helped to improve the quality of life for many Native Americans.

Reservations

Reservations are areas of land that are set aside for the use of Native American tribes. Reservations are typically located in rural areas, and they are often isolated from other communities.

Reservations were created by the United States government in the 19th century as a way to relocate Native Americans from their traditional

homelands. Reservations have often been the site of poverty, unemployment, and other social problems.

In recent years, there has been a movement to restore sovereignty to Native American tribes and to improve the conditions on reservations. This movement has led to some progress, but there is still much work to be done.

Indian Health

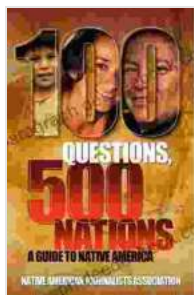
Native Americans have a higher rate of poverty and unemployment than any other group in the United States. This has led to a number of health problems, including diabetes, heart disease, and cancer.

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is a federal agency that provides health care to Native Americans. The IHS has a budget of over \$6 billion, and it provides care to over 2 million Native Americans.

The IHS has been criticized for its lack of funding and for its poor quality of care. However, the IHS is the only health care provider for many Native Americans, and it plays a vital role in improving the health of Native American communities.

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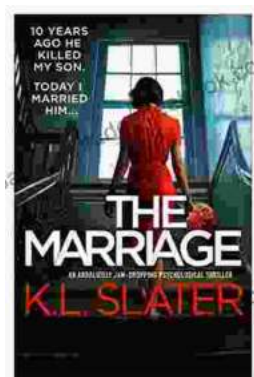
It is important to remember that Native Americans are a diverse group of people with a rich history and culture. They have faced many challenges over the years, but they have also made significant progress. The future of Native Americans is bright, and they will continue to play an important role in American society.



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