

Stage 3:	One land, rival nations: who are the legitimate owners of the land?
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1. Contextualisation of the Little House in the Prairie

Chronology of conflicts between the US government and native Americans

1824: The Bureau of Indian Affairs is established with a duty to regulate and settle disputes arising from trade with Indian tribes.

1830: The Indian Removal Act: the government forces the exchange of Indian lands in the east for public land in the west (acquired through the Louisiana purchase), where the tribes can have their own forms of government.

1835: Trail of Tears: the Cherokee give up their lands in Georgia for the Indian Territory of the West (today's Oklahoma)

1851: Fort Laramie treaty (n°1): forces the Indians to give up their right to roam the Great Plains

1860-1872: Massive slaughter of buffalos in order to force Indians to change their way of life and settle

1862: Sioux war in Minnesota

1864: Massacre of Cheyennes at Sand Creek

1871: The US Congress denounces the treaty of Fort Laramie (n°2) and lets pioneers settle in Indian territory (Oklahoma).

1876: Little Bighorn battle won by the allied tribes (Sioux and Cheyenne) against General Custer.

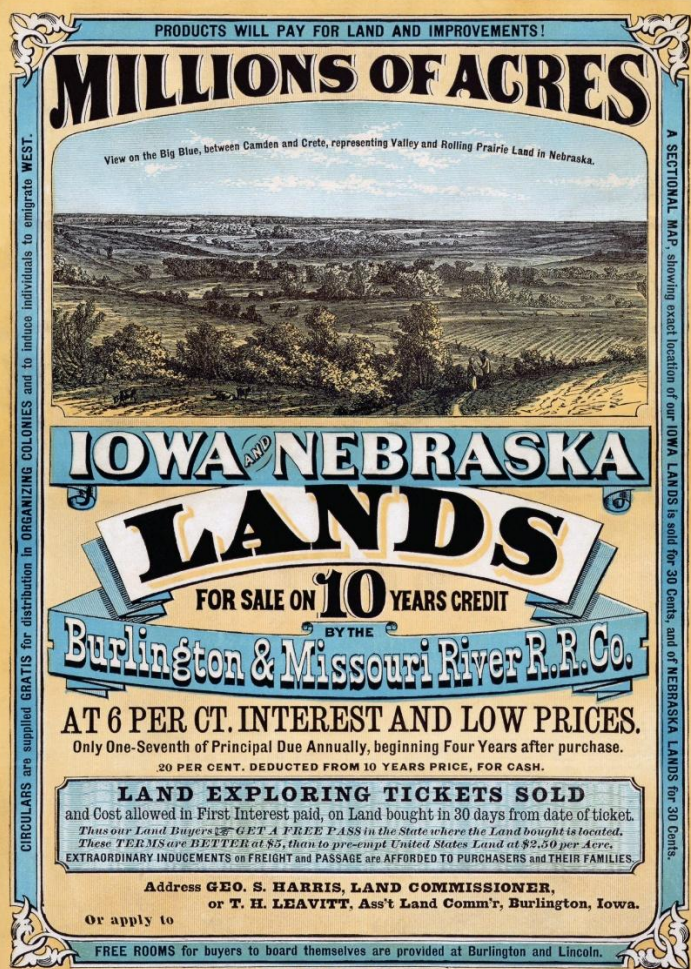
1877: The Nez Percé and their leader Chief Joseph surrenders

1887: Dawes Act: creates Indian reserves much smaller than the ones agreed in 1851

1890: the Sioux that refused to accept the 1887 Act are massacred at Wounded knee, their chief Sitting Bull is murdered

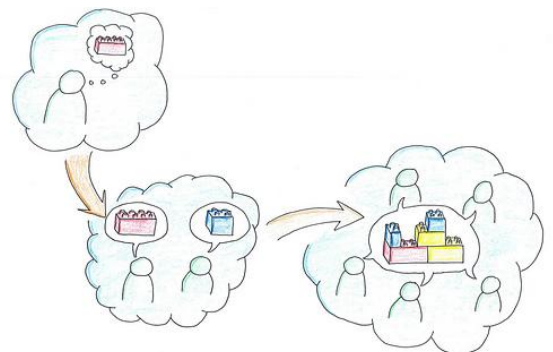
1924: Indian citizenship act : gives the American citizenship to all the native Americans

2. Discussion: Can the Ingalls family be considered as the legitimate owners of the land of their Homestead in Montgomery, Kansas?



The Homestead Act of 1862

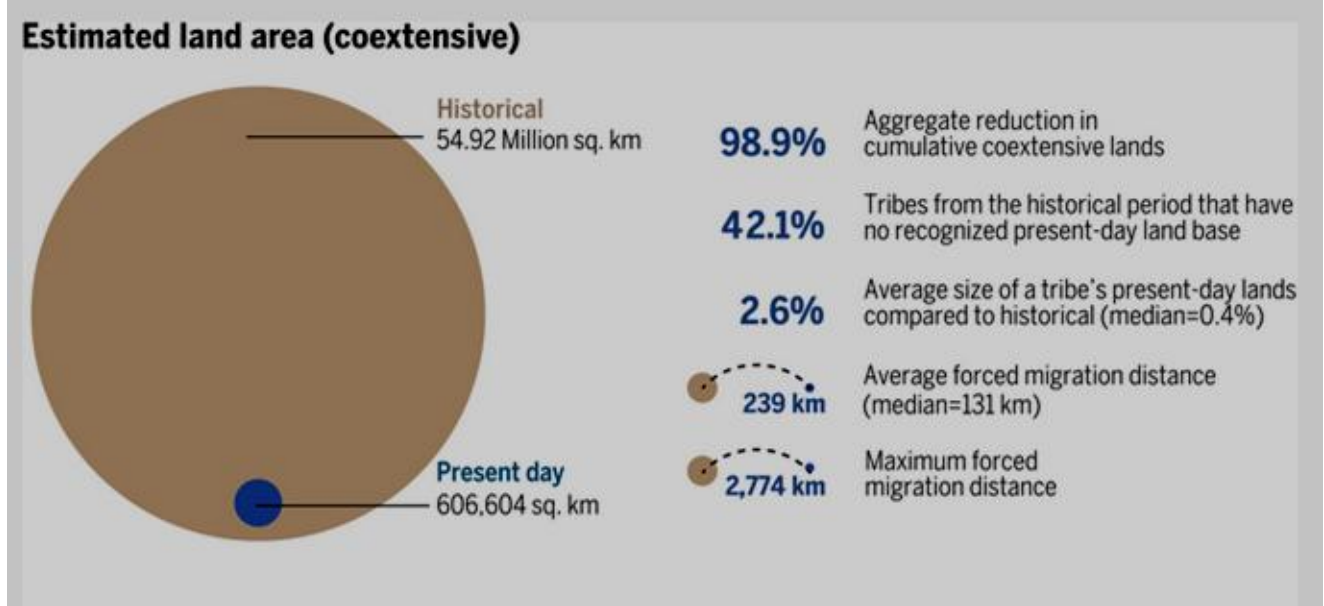
Your task: Think/Pair/Share:



1. Work individually using the documents proposed and write down 3 elements of answer to the question
2. By groups of 4/6: 1 student is in charge of filling in the answer sheet, 1 student is in charge of leading the discussion
3. Students present and discuss their answers

The group must come to a shared opinion on the question asked. The position must be backed by specific arguments

Estimated land owned by the native American nations before and after the conquest of the West



Osage and pioneers, 2 different, (opposed?) uses of the land

Osage indians on the hunt for buffalos, 1832



Breaking the Prairie sod. (University of Saskatchewan Archives)

