

Boarding School

Purpose of Boarding schools:

Pratt's motto "kill the Indian and save the man" Strip them of who they were. Total assimilation.

Take them away from their families.

Brought the first group in and used the first group to then teach the next group.

But what they found was that when they went back to the reservation they had to then return to their Indian culture.

1898 Fort Spokane boarding school

Chief Gary brought back kids from boarding schools, but many didn't survive the trip back.

White Man's Indian (Book)

Lott Quote

Wanted a church – Anglican Society had a church built so he had the first church

All my children educated but I can't send them away because they will die.

Illnesses were – tuberculosis, Fort Spokane had infirmary

Wanted a school

Ft. Spokane only in existence for 8 years. Military moved out in 1888, then it was proposed to become a boarding school.

Between the time of it being a military fort it went directly into the direction of a board school.

Was supposed to revert back to the tribe but it never did.

Mary Verner tried to get it back to the tribe. Using old document 638 (law). She left and Warren left and no one picked up the fight.

McMorris-Rogers is not favorable to the tribe.

Maria Cantwell and Murray are supportive.

Document – Christine LeBret – punishment was harsh but he felt they deserved it. (Stockholm syndrome perhaps) brain washing

PTSD passed from generation to generation they would not teach the language to later generations which caused the historical trauma because those children were not taught their culture

Marsha had 3 grandparents attend boarding school

Some were sent to chamawa. (spelling?)

Mission schools in desmet - Lilly bounced around because her parents died when she was very young. Latin Mass, chores,

Churchill, Ward has a book on boarding schools.

Also another book with two young men. She can't remember the name of the book.

Warren and Marsha have pictures, Warren says there are a lot on the internet

National Parks service – coulee dam Reclamation for photos

Kettle Falls National Park Service

Personal Stories – One story document and Marsha would have to type of her mom's story.