

Impacts of Boarding Schools

My Hair, My Culture



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“A great general has said that the only good Indian is a dead one, and they high sanction of his destruction has be an enormous factor in promoting Indian massacres. In a sense, I agree with the sentiment, but only in this: that all Indian there is in the race should be dead. Kill the Indian in him, and save the Man.”

-Gen. Richard Henry Pratt



R.H. Pratt
Brig. Genl. U.S.A.



Goal of a Residential School

“We instil in them a pronounced distaste for native life so they will be humiliated when reminded of their origin. When they graduate from our institutions, the children have lost everything Native except their blood.”

-Bishop St. Vital Grandin, 1875

US Boarding Schools

1819 Civilization Fund Act

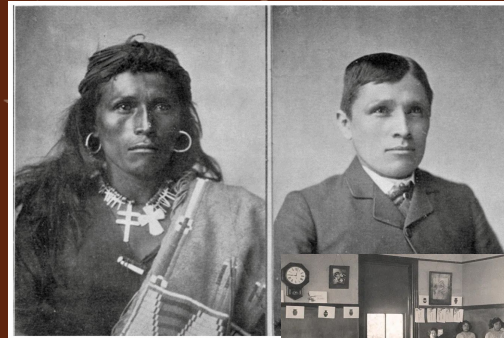
- Partnered with Churches to establish schools
- “Introducing the art of civilization”

357 Boarding Schools across 30 States (1860-1978)

- 150 Schools in Canada- 150,000 kids
- 61,000 Students by 1925-US
- Native kids taken as young as 4 yrs old

Boarding School Life

- Punished for Speaking Language
- Banned cultural and traditional practices
- Stripped of traditional clothing/hair
- Suffered from physical, sexual, cultural, and spiritual abuse



Colville Boarding Schools

More than 500 Native Students died while attending a boarding School

School Near the Colville Reservation

- Colville Mission School-Kettle Falls
- Fort Spokane Boarding School- Davenport
- Paschal Sherman Indian School- Omak
- Tonasket Boarding School-Tonasket



is̄kiyáwqən

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Connection to the Ancestors

Only Cut after a passing of a loved one
(Close Relative)

- Signifies a new beginning
- Always keep their hair

Dances/Ceremonies

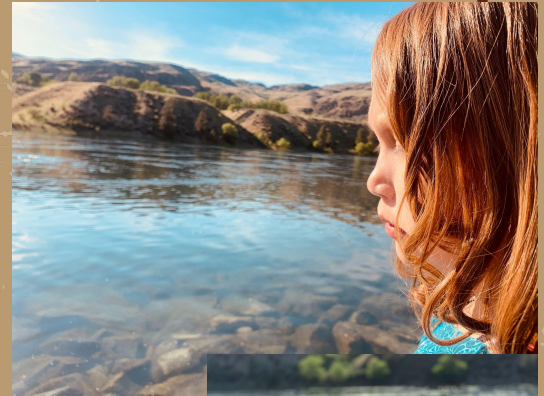
- Braides

Men

- Hair must cover ears when braided (infront)

Women

- Braided behind the ear
- Only the wives of husband can braid their hair



How to take care of iškiyáwqə́n

Plants used

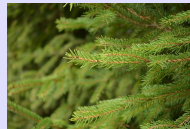
ckckpúntp-Rosebush

Boiled and used to wash hair
also used for
sweat



c'q'átp-Fir

Twigs boiled and used as
shampoo & bathwater for
sweat



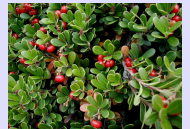
púntp-Juniper

Twigs made into powder
mixed with deer brains used
to make
hair smell
Good. Used
as shampoo



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Liquid from leaves used as
shampoo, cure dandruff,
scalp disease,
and to make
hair glossy



Mountain Balm

Boiled leaves used as
shampoo, cure dandruff,
and scalp
disease,



čĕčĕnw'áln'- Nettle

Boiled roots used as
shampoo



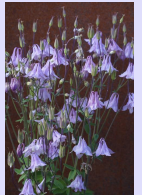
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Yarrow- Boiled and Used
as shampoo, eyewash, and
wash for
chapped
skin



Columbine

Boiled and used
as shampoo and
a good charm



Resources

- <https://www.theindigenousfoundation.org/articles/us-residential-schools>
- <https://calendar.eji.org/racial-injustice/mar/03>
- <https://boardingschoolhealing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/NABS-Newsletter-2020-7-1-spreads.pdf>
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