

Viewing Guide: “How The US Stole Thousands of Native American Children” Vox, 2019⁹

1. What did you notice about the experience of children taken to boarding schools?

2. What was the purpose of the Indian Adoption Project?

3. How did the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) aim to address the issue of family separation among Native American communities? What protections does it provide?

4. Discuss the ongoing challenges faced by Native American children in the foster care system today. What statistics were provided regarding their placement compared to white children?

Further Reflection: “How The US Stole Thousands of Native American Children”

1. How does the concept of historical trauma help explain the challenges faced by many Native American families today?

2. The video shares personal stories. What emotions did these stories evoke in you? How do these stories personalize the impact of these historical events?

3. Why is it important to center the voices of Native communities when addressing issues within the child welfare system? What are some concrete ways that child welfare agencies can collaborate effectively with tribal governments and organizations?

4. How do ICWA and ORICWA aim to rectify past injustices and protect the well-being of Native American children?
