Analyzing Historical Text in Python: Sentiments Towards Native Americans Exhibited in the Lewis and Clark Expedition Journals

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Backround Information:

Non-indigenous news, films, museums and literature have demonstrated a warped perspective on Indigenous American history in order to preserve a sense of nationalism. This narrative results in nationwide ignorance of Native American experiences. As a result, non-Natives feel more comfortable with the United States's history and Natives feel the residual effects of colonialism by being considered relics of the past rather than ever-changing communities that have adapted and resisted their hardships over time. I plan to use Python code to conduct a case study on a historical text which demonstrates the dehumanization and erasure of Native American experiences and history.

Historical texts illustrate sentiments of the time period the piece was written in, and I want to analyze the impact widely read historical texts have on the public opinion of Native Americans. Every author carries their own bias, and every bias is influenced by historical context. For instance, at what point in time did the majority of academic literature shift from referring to the Indigenous peoples of America as "Indians" to variations of "Native" or "Indigenous" Americans? This question led me into a rabbit hole of texts and articles ranging from Columbus's misclassification of the Taino people as "Indians" in 1492, to modern day debates amongst (mostly non-indigenous) academics over what Indigenous people want to be called. I decided to narrow down my topic. I opted to analyze one, very influential time period when the relationship between the federal government and Native tribes from the northeast was already shaky, but most Western Natives had yet to lay eyes on colonists. From 1482-1776, the Native Americans on the Eastern side of North America were brutally massacred and colonized by British, Spanish, and French settlers and explorers (Native American History Timeline, 2023.) Once the United States declared independence, the colonization of Natives expanded faster than states could form. Dreams of Manifest Destiny and civilizing "savage Indians" ran excitedly through the new country. While colonial settlers already had a racist image of what Native Americans were, most of the Western American Tribes had no idea what the "white man" was, or the

destruction he was capable of.

So, what historical text could illustrate the sentiment of the general public towards Native Americans in the formative years of the U.S.? While this question still produced various sufficient options, the Lewis and Clark journals from 1804-1806 struck me as the most significant. The value in this text for my question is that the authors can illustrate the sentiments of the broader U.S. government. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark served in the U.S. army together before Clark retired and Lewis became Jefferson's personal secretary. Both men had experience working for the federal government, meaning they were employed within imperialist frameworks, and likely shared many of the values and goals of the Commander (and POTUS) who sent them on the voyage. The expedition was launched by President Thomas Jefferson in a time where the colonial ideals of Manifest Destiny guided government agendas. The goal of the expedition was to establish trade with Native American tribes, and explore the West further after obtaining new land in the 1803 Louisiana purchase. (Lewis & Clark among the Indians 1. The Voyage Begins | Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, n.d.) When Jefferson ordered the expedition, he asked Lewis because he knew various Native languages, and Lewis suggested Clark as an additional leader of the voyage.

Research Questions:

The questions I seek to answer in my case study include: what sentiment did the Lewis and Clark journals project towards Native Americans? Did they fuel or diminish the already existing white superiority complex that engulfed white Americans at the time? Were Natives referred to more as the specific tribe they were from, "Natives" or "Indians"? In what language and tone was Sacagawea discussed? I will use the text analysis tools we practiced in class to extract all sentences from the journals that reference "osage," "crow," "mandan," "blackfoot," "flathead," "shoshone," "sacagawea," "native," or "indian." I will then analyze these sentences and what they showcase about the relationship between the federal U.S. government and Indigenous American tribes at that time. I will look into the most common words that accompany any of the above references to Natives, the number of times each term is used, and at what point in the journal entries, if any, can a shift in terminology be observed.

Impactful events of the late 1800s and early 1900s in regards to the Native tribes in the American West include the Wounded Knee massacre, the studying of Ishi, boarding schools, and the Indian Relocation Act. When the U.S. finally fulfilled its "manifest destiny" and stretched from the East to West coast, past treaties with Indigenous tribes began to lack power in the government's eyes. Treaties were responsible for establishing that tribes are distinct political institutions, and this shift in idealogy area California achieved statehood in 1950 created

the perception that tribes are subordinate dependent nations to the United States, meaning no need for treaties. I want to explore the relationship between Western tribes and the US government before the traumatic events the colonial government forced upon them. While violent colonialism had been running its course through the Eastern tribes since 1492, many of the Western nations met white men for the first time during the 1804 Lewis and Clark expedition. The aim of my project is to illustrate how Lewis and Clark perceived their interactions and relationships with Native Americans via their personal documentation of their two year journey.

Analysis of the attitudes of Native Americans in the early years of the United States is greatly aided by the journals of the Lewis and Clark expedition. They offer a rare glimpse into the interactions between the federal government and Native American tribes during a period when the nation was still establishing its supremacy over Native populations. We can learn more about how the words used in the journals reflect the prevailing cultural sentiments against Native Americans at the time by carefully examining the journals. Therefore, we can better understand how falsified cultural narratives have been maintained. My project's goal is to bring attention to the ways that historical documents such as the journals kept by Lewis and Clark have aided in the erasing and dehumanization of Native American experiences.

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#Import necessary packages
import pandas as pd
text = (pd.read_csv("pg8419-images.csv" ,header=None).to_string())
import re
import string
import nltk
nltk.download("stopwords")
nltk.download('punkt')
nltk.download('wordnet')
nltk.download("averaged_perceptron_tagger")
from nltk.corpus import stopwords
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#Remove stopwords
stop_words = set(stopwords.words('english'))
filtered_tokens = [word for word in tokens if word not in stopword print(filtered_tokens)
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              #Lemmatize
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              lemmatized tokens = [lemmatizer.lemmatize(token) for token in toke
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              #Rejoin text as string
              clean_text = ' '.join(lemmatized_tokens)
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Out[17]: "the journal of lewis and clarknanby meriwether lewis and and william clarknannannan—the journal of lewis and clarknannannan [clark , may ,] may the th-monday set out from camp river a dubois atoclock p.m. and proceded up the missouri under sail to thefirst island in the miss ouri and camped on the upper point opposit a creek on the south side below a ledge of limestone rockcalled colewater , made / mile , the p arty consisted of , self one frenchman andmen in the boat ofores , se rjt. & french in a large perogue , a corp andsoldiers in a large pero gue . a cloudy rainey day . wind from the n e. men in highspirits [c lark , may ,] monday may thrained the forepart of the day i determin ed to go a far a st. charles a french villageleags . upthe missourie , and wait at that place untill capt . lewis could finish the business in which he wa obliged to attend to at stlouis and join me by land fr om that placemiles; by this movement i calculated that if any altera tion in the loading of thevestles or other change necessary , that th ey might be made at st. charles i set out atoclock p.m. in the presen ce ofmany of the neighbouring inhabitents, and proceeded on under a jentle brease up the missourie to the upper point of the stislandmile s and camped on the island which is situated close on the right (or

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#Pull sentences that mention this word
word = "native" or "nativs" or "nativ" or "natives"
for n, sentence in enumerate(sentences):
    sentence = sentence.lower().strip()
    if len(sentence):
        if word in sentence:
            native_sentences = print(f"\n sentence{n}: {sentence}.
        else:
            del(sentence)
print(native_sentences)
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sentence31: nannannannan [clark , may ,] wednesday may th a fair m orning , set out atoclock passed the coal hill (call by the native c arbonear) this hillappears to contain great quantytes of coal , and also ore of a rich appearance haveing greatly the resemblance of silv erarrived opposit st charles atoclock , this village is at the foot o f a hill from which it take it real name peeteite coete orthe little hill , it contains aboutindefferent house , and abotinhabetents princ ipally frinch , those people appear poreand extreemly kind , the coun trey around i am told is butifull.

sentence133: a small garden of vegetable is the usual extent of their cultivation, and this is commonly imposed on the oldmen and boy; the men in the vigor of life consider the cultivation of the earth a

degrading occupation , and in order to gain thenecessary subsistence for themselves and family , either undertake hunting voyage on their own account , or engagethemselves a hireling to such person a posse s ufficient capital to extend their traffic to the native of the interior part of the country; on those voyage in either case , they are freque ntly absent from their family or home the term of six twelve or eighte en month and alwas subjected to severe and incessant labour , exposed to the ferosity of the lawless savage , the vicissitudes of weather and climate , and dependant on chance or accident alone for food , raim ent or relief in the event of malady.

sentence1790: this evening verry agreeable the wind still from the so uth-from the osagies nation with twenty odd of the native or chief of the nation with him sailed dowen the mississippi boundto st louis & g un fired shower of rain shower of rain all that nightnannannannan [c lark , july ,] july th fridayset out at sun rise , and prosd.

sentence2518: a fee pas , the head ofarkansas , round the kansa head , across some mountain from the top of which the city may be seen the spaniard haveenvited those indian & the panies to trade with them & s ome french & a few indian are gorn from the panias to that city thiss ummer—the situation of this place which we call council bluff which i s handsom ellevated a spot well calculated for a tradeingestablishmen t , the bank high & leavel on top well calculated for a fort to comma nd the countrey and river the low bottomabove high water & well situated under the command of the hill for house to trade with the native a butifull plain both abovand below at no other bend on either side doe the high land touch the river for some distance up , a i am told.

sentence2609: they bear a great resemblance to the young quale of te n day oald , and apear like them to be able to runabout andpeck their food a soon a they are hatched—this bird , life on small fish , worm a nd bug which it take on the virge of thewater it is seldom seen to light on tree an quite a seldom do they lite in the water and swim tho the foot would indicate thatthey did it 's being webbed i believe the m to be a native of this country and probly a constant resident.

sentence2763: us that they could not find the indian nor any fresh si gn , those people have not returned from their buffalow hunt , thosep eople haveing no house no corn or any thing more than the graf of the ir ancesters to attach them to the old village , continue in pursuite of the buffalow longer than others who had greater attachment to their native villagethe ravage of thesmall pox (which swept offmen & wom an & child in perpoposion) ha reduced this nation not exceedingmenant d left them to the insult of their weaker neighbour which before wan glad to be on friendly turms with them—i am told whinthis fatal malady wan among them they carried ther franzey to verry extroadinary length, not only of burning their village, butthey put their wife & child to death with a view of their all going together to some better count rey—they burry theirdead on the top of high hill and rais mound on the

e top of them , —the cause or way those people took the small pox isu ncertain , the most probable from some other nation by mean of a warp artyobserved time and distance of the sun & moon the moon east the th of august monday , three mile ne of themahars old village at fish cam p-nannannannan [clark , august ,] august th wendesday i took ten me n & went out to beaver dam across a creek about a mile s w from camp , and with abrush drag caughtfish , of the following kind (i ' e) pi ke , samon , bass , pirch , red horse , small cat , & a kind of perch called on the ohio silverfish i also caught the srimp which is common to the lower part of the mississippi , in this creek & inthe beaver p ond is emince bead of mustles verry large & fat—in my absence capt le wis send the souex interpr & a party toa smoke which appeared to rise at no great distance to the north with a view to find some band of tha t nation , they returned and informed that they had been made some tim e by some small party , and the hard wind of to day had set the prari e on firefrom some high tree , which wa left burning all well , party from ottoes not come up. None

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#Pull sentences that mention this word
word = "indian" or "indians"
for n, sentence in enumerate(sentences):
    sentence = sentence.strip()
    if len(sentence):
        if word in sentence:
            indian_sentences = print(f"\n sentence{n}: {sentence}.
        else:
        del(sentence)
indian_sentences
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sentence37: charles atoclock a number spectator french & indiansflock ed to the bank to see the party.

sentence41: nannannannan [clark , may ,] thursday the tha fine daym en confined for misconduct , i had a court martial & punishment severa l indian , who informed me that the saukees had lately crossed to war against the osage nation som aplicasions , i took equalaltitudes made the m a.

sentence46: several kickapoo indian visit me to day , george drewyer arrive.

sentence182: lewiswalk on shore a little & passed a camp of kickapoo indian , & incamped in the mouth of a small creek in a large bend on thestbd side.

d come on & hunt and by the time i got to their camp they would have

sentence1434: called parques , all at once the river became crowded with driftthat it wa dangerous to cross this i suppose wa from the caveing in of the bank at the head of some island above , () passed a creek on the l.

sentence1562: called reeveys prarie (fro a man of that name being k illedin it) opposit this prarie the river is confined in a verry narr ow space crowded on s.

sentence2092: the sand of this river comesroleing down with the curr ent which is crowded with sand bar and notfeet water at any place acr oss it mouth , therapidity of the current of this river which is grea ter than that of the missourie , it width at the mouth across the bar is about/ of a mile , higher up i am told by one of the bowman that h e waswinters on this river above and that it doe not risefeet , but s preds overmiles at some place , capt lewis & my self went up some dis tance & crossed found it shallow.

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sentence191: side called woman of osage river aboutyds.

sentence212: side called osage woman r , aboutyds.

sentence334: came to from the maharsnation , which place they had le ft two month , at aboutoclockcajaux or raft loaded with fur and peltr es came too onefrom the paunees , the other from grand osage , they i nformed nothing of consequence , passed a creek on the lbd sidecalled ash creekyds wide , passed the upper point of a large island on the s tbd side back of which come in three creeksone called orter creek , h er the men we left hunting came in we camped on a willow island in the mouth of gasconnaderiver.

sentence372: above the mouth of osage river larb side , camped fell a number of tree in the point to take observation a fair after noon , sit up untilloclock to take som observation & c.

sentence374: wide atmiles , several smallislands in the river the wind a head from the west the current exceedingly rapid came to on the point of the osarges river onthe labd side of missouries this osage river verry high , felled all the tree in the point to make observation sit up untilloclock taken oservation this nightnannannannan [clark , june ,] june nd—took the dirt.

sentence376: i measured the osage & missouri at this place made ther width asfollows , the missoureyd.

sentence377: wide the osage ryds.

sentence394: side isyards wide the osage river from the point to the s.

sentence397: which comds both river i had a delightful) prospect of the missouries up & down , also the osage r.

sentence400: the two muddey river passing thro & som fine spring & st ream our hunter kill several deer to day , some small lick on the s e of the osage river.

sentence555: i expectthat those indian are on their way to war again st the osage nation probably they are the saukeesnannannan [clark , june ,] wednesday the th of june.

sentence669: the land still further back becoms thin and open , with black & rasp berry , and still further back the plain commence , the french inform that lead ore is found on this river in severalplaces , it head up between the osagees & kansa river the right hand folk pass in a short distance of the missourie at theantient little ozages vill age our hunter killed , deer , after staying one hour at the mouth of this river , cap lewis went out & proceeded on one mile & came in , h

e fount the land in the point high and fine course n.

sentence692: the main branchpasses near the place where the little o sage village formerly stood on the missouries , & head between the os arge & kansias river , the left hand fork head with nearer branch of the osage river , the french inform that lead ore ha beenfound in de fferent part of this river , i took sjt.

sentence820: found the country roleing open & rich , withplenty of w ater , great qts of deer i discovered a plumb which grows on bush the hight of hasle , those plumb are in greatnumbers , the bush beare ver ry full , about double the sise of the wild plumb called the osage pl umb & am told they arefinely flavoured.

sentence834: of the mississippi void of every thing except grass , t hey abound with haselgrapes & a wild plumb of a superior quallity , c alled the osage plumb grows on a bush the hight of a hasel and hang i n greatquantities on the bush i saw great number of deer in the praries , the evening is cloudy , our party in high spirits.

sentence984: osage) is situated in butifull plain at the foot of so me riseing land , in frontof their viliges next the river is a butifull bottom plain in which they raised their corn & c.

sentence986: above & in view the missouries nation resided under the protection of theosarges , after their nation wa riducd by the saukee s below , tho built their village in the same low prarie and lived th eremany year , the war wa so hot & both nation becom so reduced that the little osage & a fiew of the missoures moved & built a villagems n ear the grand osage , the rest of the missoures went and took protect ion under the otteaus on platt rivernannannannan [clark , june ,] the , june , fridayset out early and had not proceeded far e'er we whee led on a sawyer which wa near injuring usverry much , passed a plain on the l.

sentence995: of each other , the osage were settled at the foot a hill in a butifellplain which extends back quite to the osage river , in front of the vilg.

sentence998: the little osage finding themselves much oppressed by the saukees & other nation , left thisplace & built a villagems.

sentence1057: came too to make ore , and a cord for a toe ropeall th is day imployed in getting out ore , & makeing for the use of the boa t out of a large cable rope which we have , gdrewyer came up a bear & deer , also a fine horse which he found in the wood , supposed to have been left by some warparty from the osage , the tick are numerous and large and have been trousom all the way and the musquetors are beginning to be verry troublesome , my cold continues verry bad the french h igherlins complain for the want of provision , saying they are accust

omed to eat & time a day , they are roughly rebuked for their presump tion , the country aboutabounds in bear deer & elk and the s.

sentence1072: pryor and some men to get ash timber for ore , and set some men to make a toe rope out of the cord of a cablewhich had been provided by capt lewis at pitt burg for the cable of the boat—george drewyer our hunter and one mancame in withdeer & a bear , also a youn g horse , they had found in the prarie , this horse ha been in the prarie a long timeand is fat , i suppose he ha been left by some war party against the osage , this is a crossing place for the war partis a gainstthat nation from the saukees , aiaouez , & souix.

sentence1744: the bottom land is covered with grass of about / foot high , andappears a leavel a a smoth surfice , thebottom is also cover ed with grass and rich weed & flours , interspersed withcopses of the osage plumb.

sentence2080: in the missouri from it 's junction with the mississsi ppi to the entrance of the osageriver from / tofrom thence to the mou th of the kanzas from / to.

sentence2495: the osage & kansies are the same languagethe ottoes & mahars speek many word of the osarge languagethe ottos , aiaways , & missouries speake the same language the panies & recreries speak the same language also theloups & repub.

sentence2498: the panies , loups , republican , recrerees the ndthe mandans cheeons , & grovanters the rd the tribe of the soux all retain the name thit is possible that the , mahar & poncarear may have been a distinct nation , a they only speek some word of the osagewhich have the same signification days to st ta fee s. None

sentence125: charles tayong a spanish ensign & late commandant of st

sentence132: the vilage contains a chappel , one hundred dwelling ho use , and aboutinhabitants ; their house are generally small and but illy constructed ; a great majority of the inhabitant are miserably p our , illiterate and when at home excessively lazy , tho they are pol ite hospitable and by no mean deficient in point of naturalgenious , t hey live in a perfect state of harmony among each other ; and plase a implicit confidence in the doctrine of theirsperitual pastor , the rom an catholic priest , a they yeald passive obedience to the will of their temporal master the commandant.

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ufficient capital to extend their traffic to the native of the interior part of the country; on those voyage in either case, they are freque ntly absent from their family or home the term of six twelve or eighte en month and alwas subjected to severe and incessant labour, exposed to the ferosity of the lawless savage, the vicissitudes of weather and climate, and dependant on chance or accident alone for food, raim ent or relief in the event of malady.

sentence1504: groops of shrubscovered with the most delicious froot is to be seen in every direction , and nature appears to have exerted herself to butify thesenery by the variety of flours delicately and hi ghly flavered raised above the grass , which strike & profumes the sen sation , and amuses the mind throw it into conjecterng the cause of s o magnificent a senerey in a country thus situated farremoved from the sivilised world to be enjoyed by nothing but the buffalo elk deer & b ear in which it abounds & savageindiansthe name of the french ingishe es , or hirelens—in peroguebattist de shone patrnjoseph le barteelaso nesspaul preemauchaloe.

sentence3023: within a fiew foot of them—one evidence which the inds give for believeing this place to be the residence of some unusial sp irit is that theyfrequently discover a large assemblage of bird about this mound—is in my opinion a sufficient proof to produce in the savagem ind a confident belief of all the property which they ascribe it.

sentence4322: taboe sayable to bear arm , and the remains of ten di fferent tribe of panias reduced bythe small pox & ware with the sioux , they are tall stout men corsily featured , their womin small & indu sterous raise greatquantites of corn bean & c also tobacco for the me n to smoke , they collect all the wood and doe the drudgery commonamo ngst savages—their language is so corrupted that many lodge of the sa me village with dificuelty under stand all thateach other say—they are dirty , kind , pore , & extravegent ; possessing natural pride , no b egers , rcive what is given them withpleasure , thier house are close together & town inclosed with picket , thier lodge aretofeet in diamu ter coveredwith earth on neet pole set end wise resting onforks supporting beems set in a square form near the center , and loweraboutfeet high other fork all around supt.

sentence4336: alsotobacco for the men to smoke they collect all the wood and do the drugery a common amongst savages.

sentence4663: opposit a high hill several indian visit u thisevening the sun of the late great chief of the mandans who hadof hisfingers o ff and appeared to be pearced in maney place on inquiring thereason, wa informed that it was a testimony to their grief fordeceased freinds, they frequently cut off sevral finger & piercedthemselves in different part, a mark of savage effection, wind hardfrom the s.

sentence4687: severalindians come to see u this evening , amongst ot

hers the sun of the late great cheif of the mandins , this man ha his two littlefingers off—; on inqureing the cause , wa told it wa custom ary for this nation to show their greaf by some testimony of pain , a nd that it wa not uncommon for them to take offsmaller fingers of the hand and some time more with ther mark ofsavage effectionnanthe wind blew verry hard this evening from the s.

sentence4773: in the evening which pleased the savage much. None

sentence2184: the day is recconed on civil time , (i e) commencing atmidnight.

sentence4300: we tookhim and one chief on board and set out , on our way took in the d chief at the mo of a small creek , and came too off the dvillage which ismiles above the island , we walked up with the & chief to their village which is situated on each side of a small creek , they gave u something to eat in thier way , after conversation on v arious subject & beareing the civility of those people who are both po re & dirtey we informed the chief we would here what they had to say tomorrow and returnedon board aboutoclock p m.

sentence4305: after being treated by everry civility by those people who are both pore & durtey we returned to our boat at aboutoclk.

sentence4344: the rickores we put off dureing the time we were at the town buthandsom young squars were sent by a man tofollow u , they came up this evening and peresisted in their civilities.

None

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In [27]:
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#Pull sentences that mention this word
word = "chief"
for n, sentence in enumerate(sentences):
    sentence = sentence.lower().strip()
    if len(sentence):
        if word in sentence:
            chief_sentences = print(f"\n sentence{n}: {sentence}."
        else:
            del(sentence)
print(chief_sentences)
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sentence863: duriaur to return with ${\tt u}$, with a view to get some of the souxchiefs to go to the ${\tt u}$.

sentence874: durioun wa of the party we questioned him untill it wa toolate to go further and concluded to camp for the night, those peo ple inform nothing of much information colcluded to takeold durioun b ack a fur a the soux nation with a view to get some of their chief to visit the presdt.

sentence1790: this evening verry agreeable the wind still from the so uth-from the osagies nation with twenty odd of the native or chief of the nation with him sailed dowen the mississippi boundto st louis & g un fired shower of rain shower of rain all that nightnannannannan [c lark , july ,] july th fridayset out at sun rise , and prosd.

sentence2144: this being a good situation andmuch nearer the otteaus town than the mouth of the platt , we concluded to delay at this place a fiew day and send for someof the chief of that nation to let them

In [26]:

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#Pull sentences that mention this word
word = "kickapoo"
for n, sentence in enumerate(sentences):
    sentence = sentence.lower().strip()
    if len(sentence):
        if word in sentence:
            kickapoo_sentences = print(f"\n sentence{n}: {sentence}
        else:
            del(sentence)
print(kickapoo_sentences)
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sentence46: several kickapoo indian visit me to day , george drewyer arrive.

sentence77: lauriesme returned from the kickapootown to day delayed a short time & set out for st.

sentence85: lauremus who had been sent by cap lewis to the kickapoo town on publicbusiness return 'd and after a short delay proceeded on to st louis , i sent george drewyer with a letter to capt lewis twoke el boat arrive from kentucky to day loaded with whiskey hat & c.

sentence182: lewiswalk on shore a little & passed a camp of kickapoo indian , & incamped in the mouth of a small creek in a large bend on thestbd side.

sentence184: side called bonom a camp of kickapoo on the st. None

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In [33]:
              native = cleaner_text.count("native")
              indian = cleaner text.count("indian")
              savage = cleaner text.count("savage")
              osage = cleaner text.count(" osage")
              mandan = cleaner text.count(" mandan")
              crow = cleaner_text.count(" crow")
              civil = cleaner text.count("civil")
              kickapoo = cleaner text.count("kickapoo")
              chief = cleaner text.count("chief")
              print("The term native is used", native, "times.")
              print("The term Indian is used", indian, "times.")
              print("The term civil is used", civil, "times.")
print("The term savage is used", savage, "times.")
              print("The tribe Osage is mentioned", osage, "times.")
              print("The tribe Mandan is mentioned", mandan, "times.")
              print("The tribe Crow is mentioned", crow, "times.")
              print("The tribe Kickapoo is mentioned", kickapoo, "times.")
              print("The title Chief is used", chief, "times.")
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The term native is used 6 times.
The term Indian is used 323 times.
The term civil is used 4 times.
The term savage is used 8 times.
The tribe Osage is mentioned 29 times.
The tribe Mandan is mentioned 100 times.
The tribe Crow is mentioned 19 times.
The tribe Kickapoo is mentioned 5 times.
The title Chief is used 401 times.
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