Lecture-06-2/12/2025
[Kimmerer, "Learning the Grammar of Animacy"]:
• The arrogance of English is that the only way to be animate, to be worthy of respec-
and moral concern, is to be human.
Lecture Notes:
Discussion on indigenous animal stories, focusing on the concepts of animacy,
anthropomorphism, and kinship relationships between humans and animals in
indigenous communities.
Kellie discussed the concept of transcorporeality, which refers to the entanglement
of the human and non-human worlds.
• Highlighted the need to destroy illusory binaries, such as animate and inanimate, to
achieve ecological justice.
Modern Western philosophical tradition makes several assumptions about
discontinuities between human and non-human worlds that indigenous communitie
do not
Discussed the history and culture of the Ojibwe people, who were known as the
Anishnaabeg, meaning the true or original people.