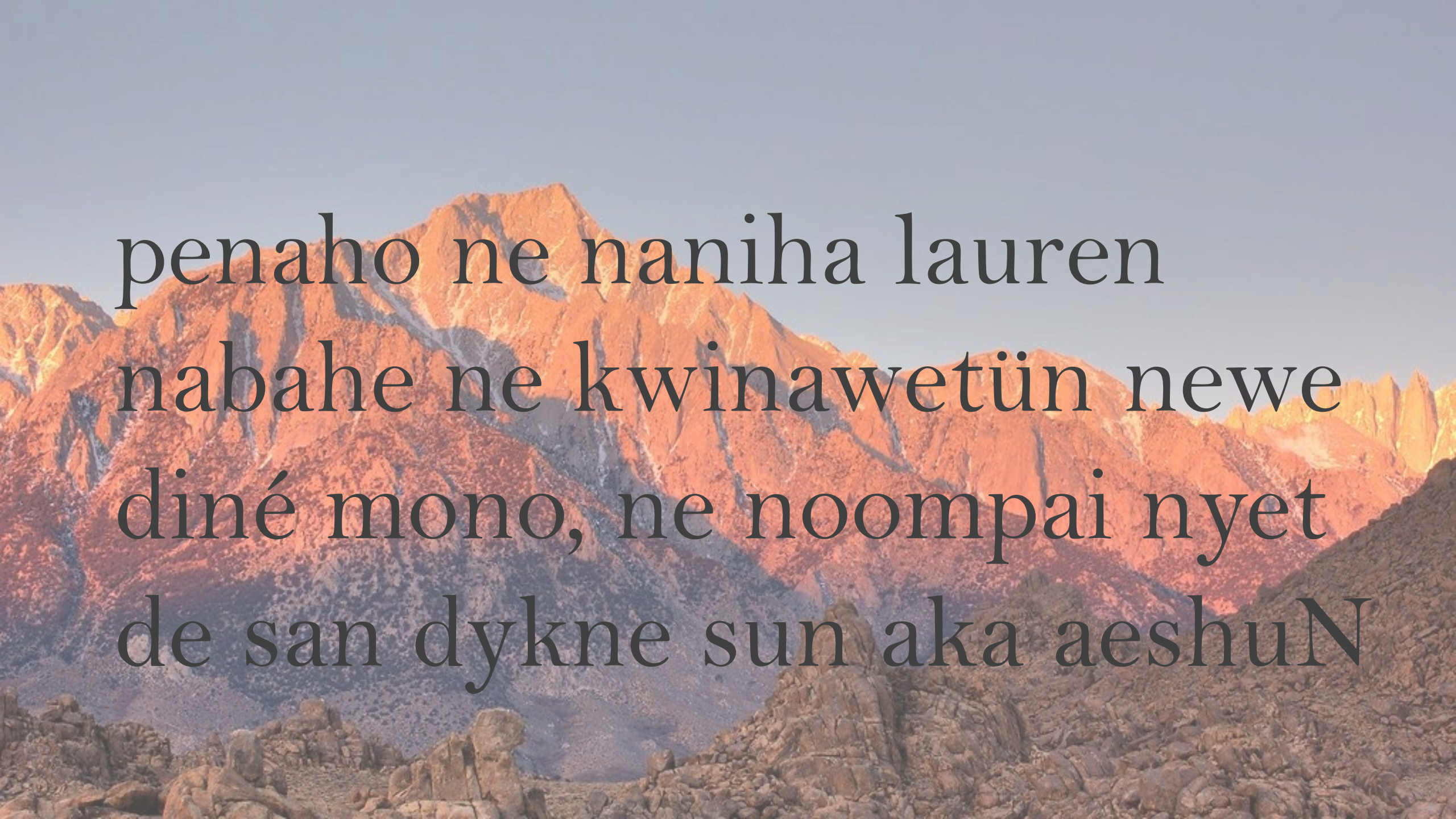
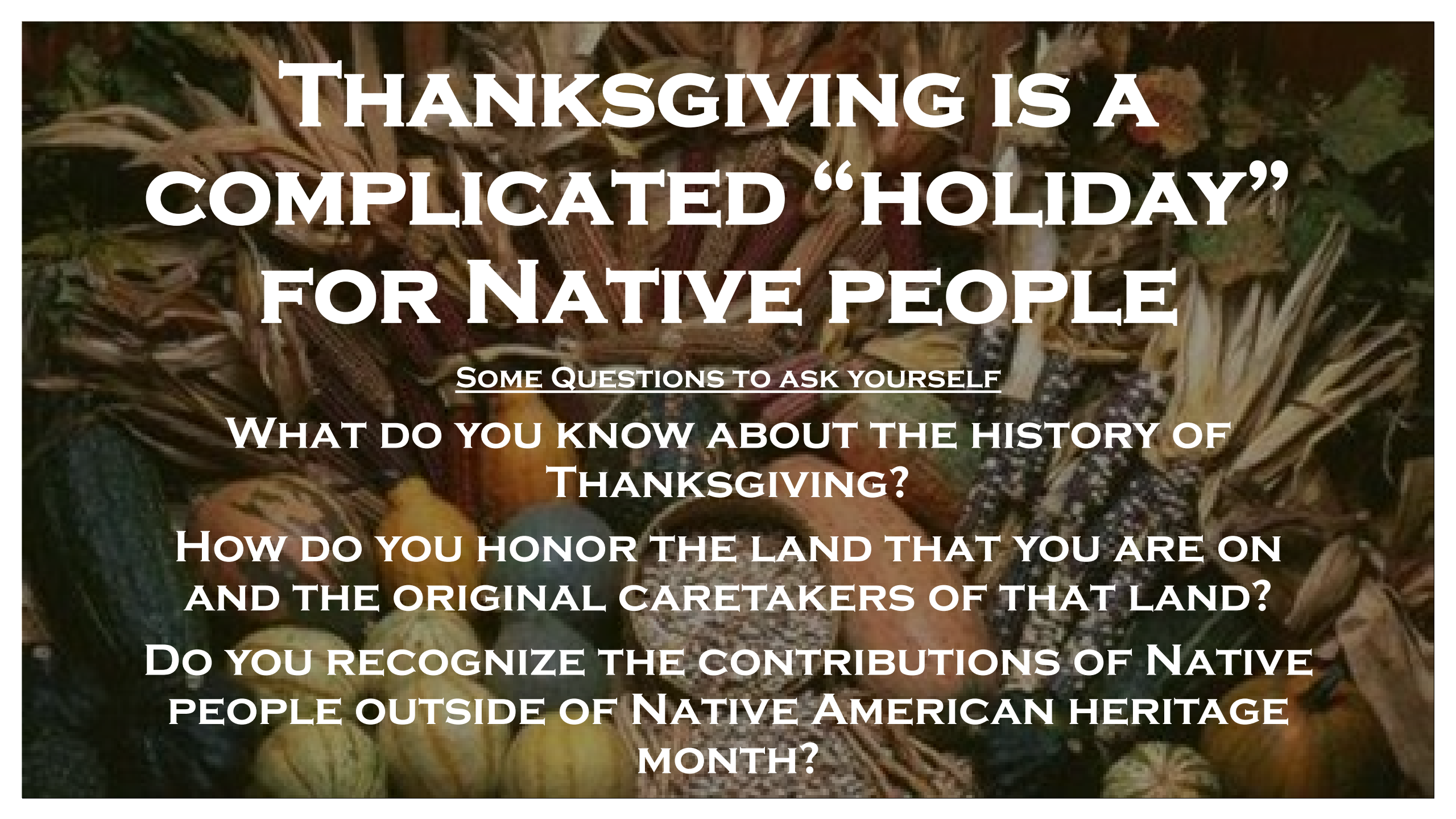




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**THANKSGIVING
AS A
NATIVE
AMERICAN**





THANKSGIVING IS A COMPLICATED “HOLIDAY” FOR NATIVE PEOPLE

SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

**WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE HISTORY OF
THANKSGIVING?**

**HOW DO YOU HONOR THE LAND THAT YOU ARE ON
AND THE ORIGINAL CARETAKERS OF THAT LAND?**

**DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NATIVE
PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE
MONTH?**



THANKSGIVING ORIGINATING FROM MASSACRE?

DURING THE PEQUOT WAR, ENGLISH CAPTAIN JOHN MASON ATTACKS A PEQUOT VILLAGE IN CONNECTICUT, BURNING OR MASSACRING SOME 500 NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN, MEN AND CHILDREN.

On May 26, 1637 an army marched on the Pequot village at Mystic, slaughtering all but a handful of its inhabitants.

On June 5, Captain Mason attacked another Pequot village and again the Native inhabitants were massacred.

On July 28, a third attack and massacre occurred, and the Pequot War came to an end. Most of the surviving Pequot were sold into slavery.

Attack on the Pequot Fort.

PASS THE GENOCIDE, I MEAN GRAVY

**THANKSGIVING CELEBRATIONS
THAT TOOK PLACE AMONG
EUROPEAN SETTLERS OFTEN
FOLLOWED BRUTAL VICTORIES
OVER NATIVE PEOPLE, LIKE
THE PEQUOT MASSACRE AND
THE BEHEADING OF THE
WAMPANOAG LEADER,
METACOM IN 1676.**





**FOR THE WAMPANOAG
TRIBE, AND OTHER NATIVE
TRIBES, THE 4TH
THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER
IS CONSIDERED A DAY OF
MOURNING, NOT A DAY OF
CELEBRATION.**

**ALTHOUGH THE
WAMPANOAGS DID HELP
THE PILGRIMS SURVIVE,
THEIR SUPPORT WAS
FOLLOWED BY YEARS OF
SLOW, UNFOLDING
GENOCIDE OF THEIR
PEOPLE AND STEALING OF
THEIR LAND.**

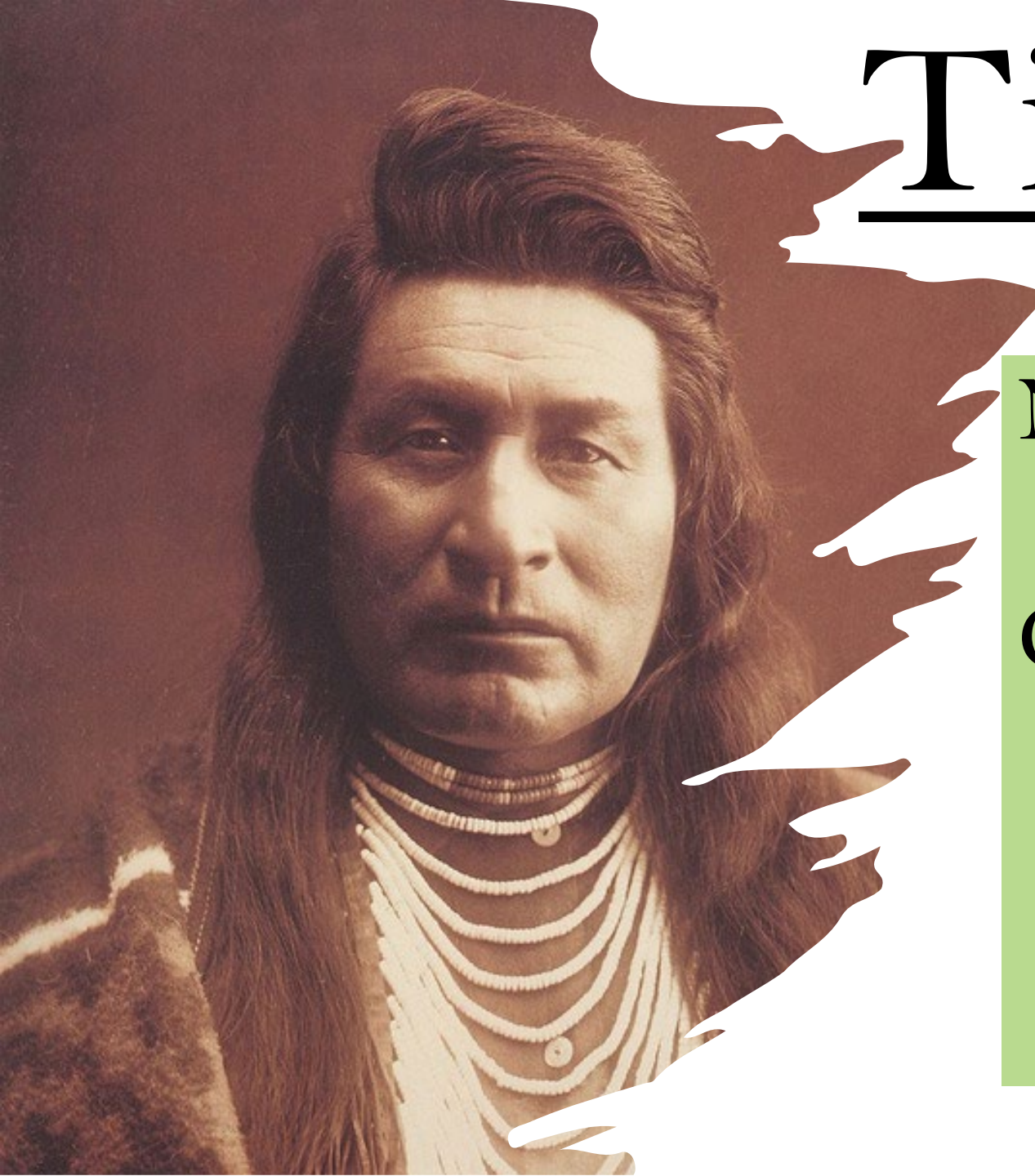
THE TRUTH IS

HOW NATIVE PEOPLE APPROACH THANKSGIVING CAN BE VERY UNIQUE.

SOME NATIVE PEOPLE CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOLIDAY. GIVING THANKS, COMING TOGETHER IN CEREMONY AND CELEBRATING HARVESTS ARE TRADITIONS OUR PEOPLE HAVE PRACTICED SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL AND THUS DO NOT DEPEND ON A NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

FOR OTHER NATIVE PEOPLE, THANKSGIVING IS A REMINDER OF THE GENOCIDE OF MILLIONS OF NATIVE PEOPLE, THE THEFT OF NATIVE LANDS, AND THE RELENTLESS ASSAULT ON NATIVE CULTURE THAT CONTINUES TODAY. BECAUSE OF THIS IT IS NOT A DAY TO BE CELEBRATED AND IS NOT RECOGNIZED OR IS REMEMBERED AS A DAY OF MOURNING.

THANKSGIVING FOR NATIVE PEOPLE IS NOT A ONE SIZE FITS ALL



Titles Matter

Native American

Canada: First Nations

Indian is incorrect and a slang that only other Natives use among each other.



History Matters

Residential Boarding Schools:

Form of Genocide

**Historical trauma from
Educational systems**

History Matters

**That's 136 years
of genocide by
educational
systems**

First boarding school opened in 1860

Last Boarding school closed in 1996

Only 28 years ago.



Every Native Person that
you know is either First,
Second or Third generation
survivor of Indian
Residential Boarding
schools.

Let that sink in

**My Great Grandmother
Dorothy May Jefferson
Joseph is a survivor of
Residential Boarding Schools**



Dorothy May Jefferson Joseph - Paiute-Shoshone and Mono



Blood Quantum

Why it is painful to ask a Native American
“How Much” Native they are

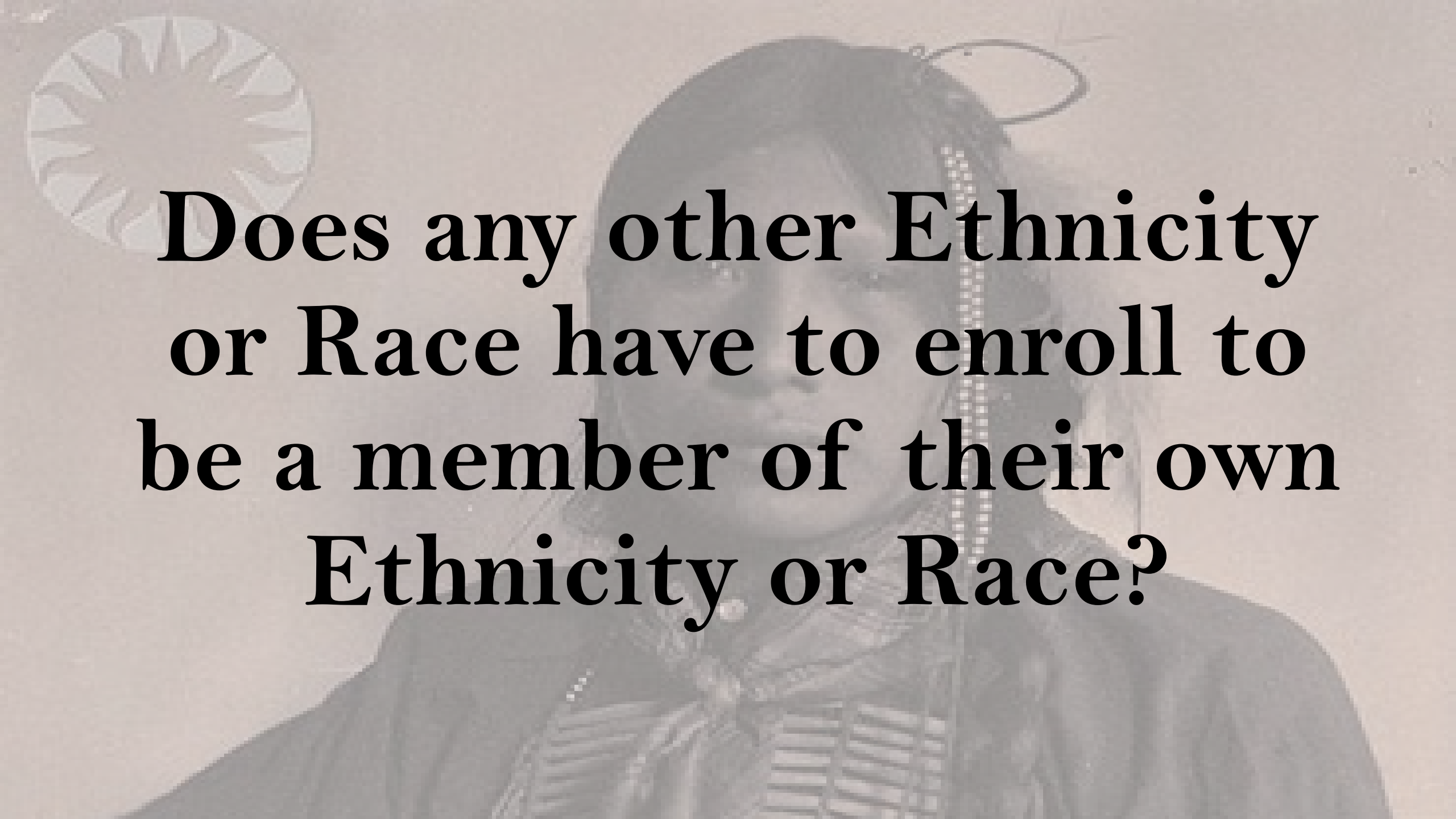
Blood Quantum

How much “Native blood” a person has by tracing individual and group ancestry.

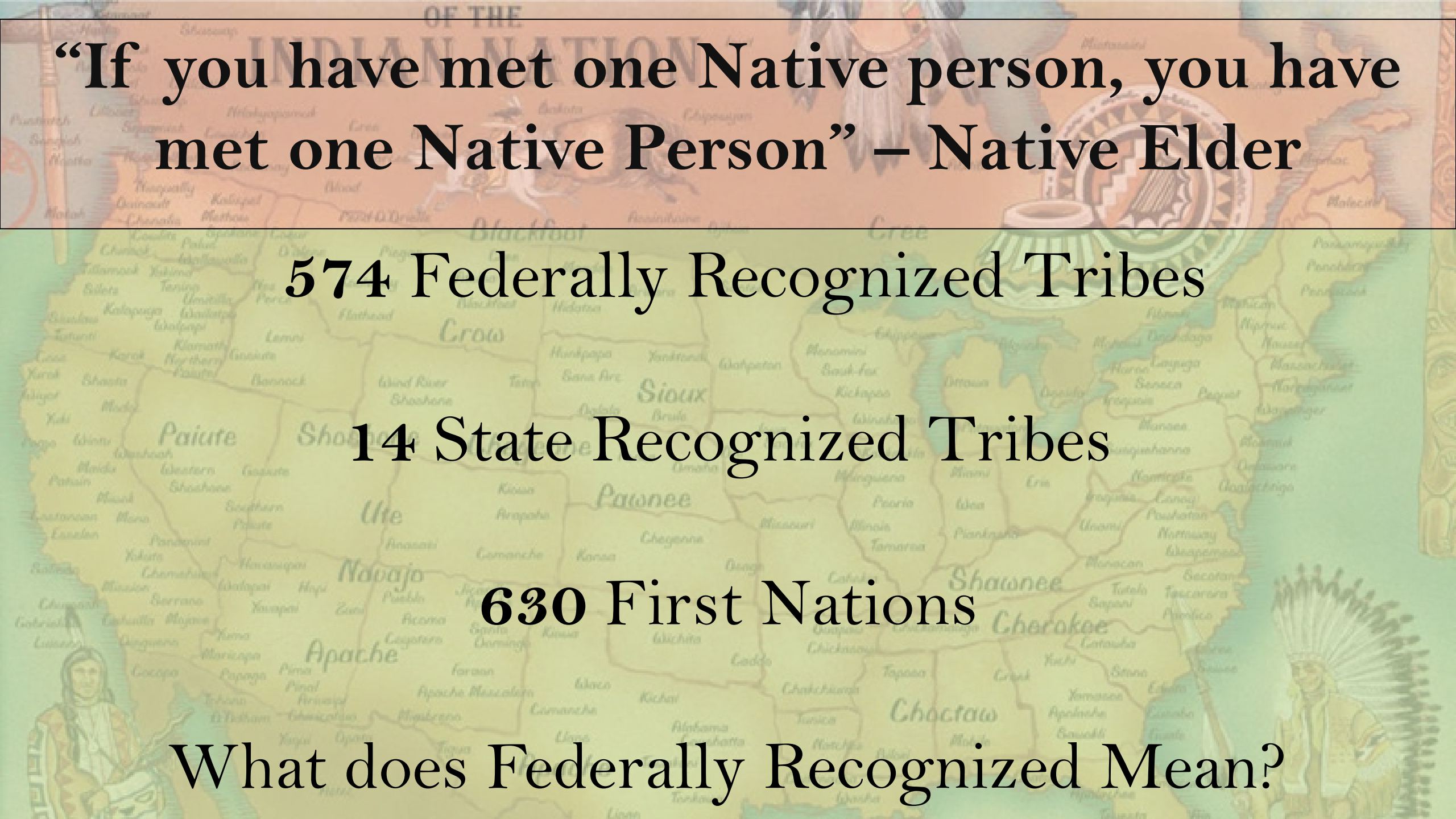
The blood quantum policy was first implemented by the federal government within tribes to limit Native citizenship and Rights

Federally Recognized

American Indian or Alaska Native
tribal entity that is recognized as
having a government-to-
government relationship with the
United States

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**Does any other Ethnicity
or Race have to enroll to
be a member of their own
Ethnicity or Race?**



“If you have met one Native person, you have met one Native Person” – Native Elder

574 Federally Recognized Tribes

14 State Recognized Tribes

630 First Nations

What does Federally Recognized Mean?



Regalia (ri-'gāl-yə): Traditional and/or Ceremonial Clothing

NOT a costume



Current Reality:

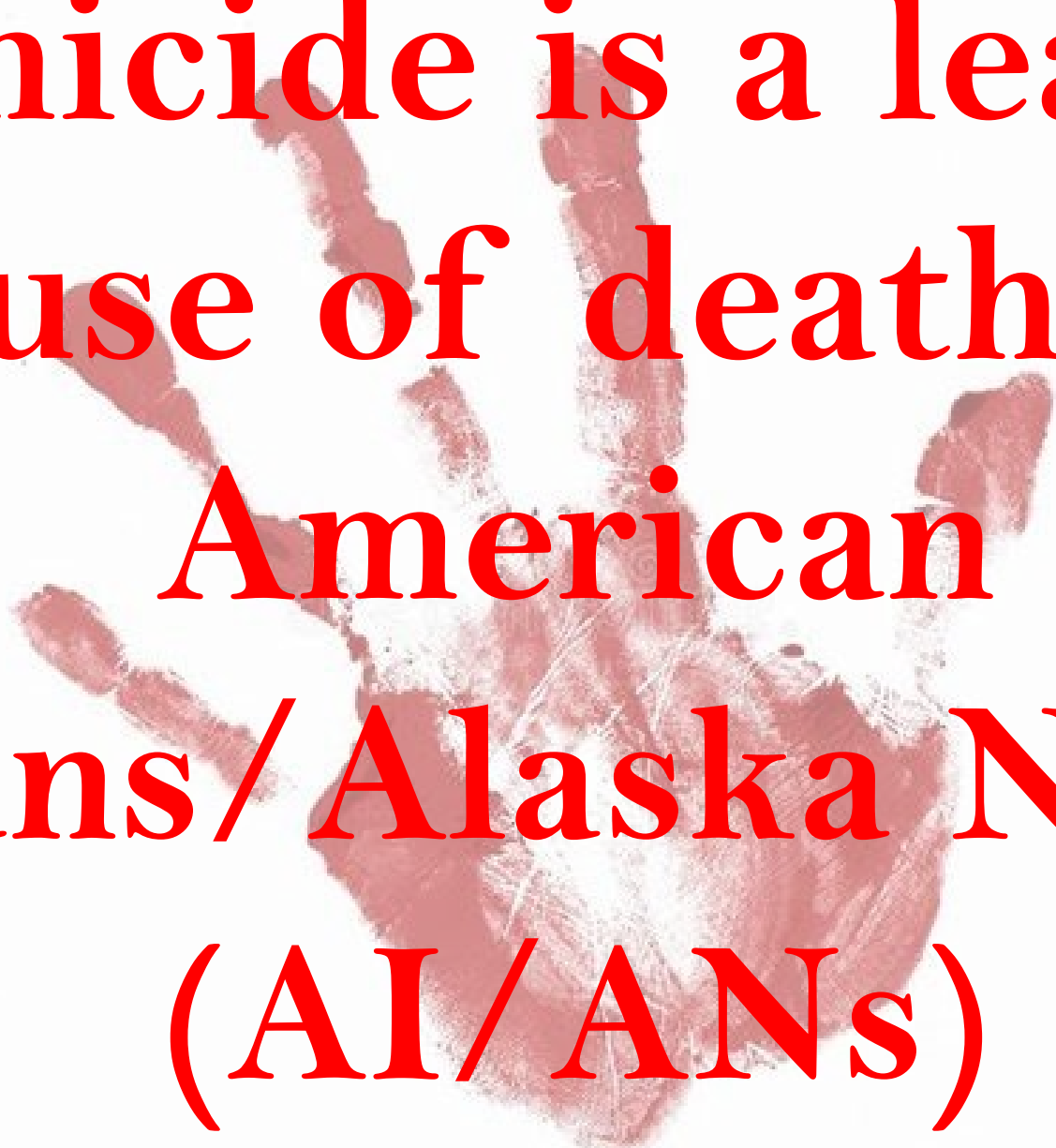
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**Washington State is the
2nd
highest state with the most
Murdered & Missing
Indigenous People's cases**



**Homicide is a leading
cause of death for
American
Indians / Alaska Natives
(AI/ANs)**



Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls

National Statistics

Violence against American Indian/Alaska Native Women

Compared to all other races, they are...

2.5x as likely to experience violent crimes

2x more likely to experience rape or sexual assault crimes

1.5 million women

More than **4/5** AI/AK Native women experienced violence in their lifetime



Homicide

#3 leading cause of death among 10 - 24 year olds

#5 leading cause of death among 25 - 34 year olds



40% Victims of sex trafficking are identified as AI/AK Native women

National Crime Information Center Missing and Unidentified Person 2020 Statistics

■ 4244
0-20 year olds
■ 1049
21+ year olds

5,293
incidents

578

cases still open at end of 2020

➤➤➤➤ **690*** were logged into the federal database

Top 10 states with highest number of MMIWG cases **



#MMIW

5,712

The number of known incidents of missing & murdered Native American and Alaskan Native women of 2016. Only 116 cases were logged into the DOJ database.

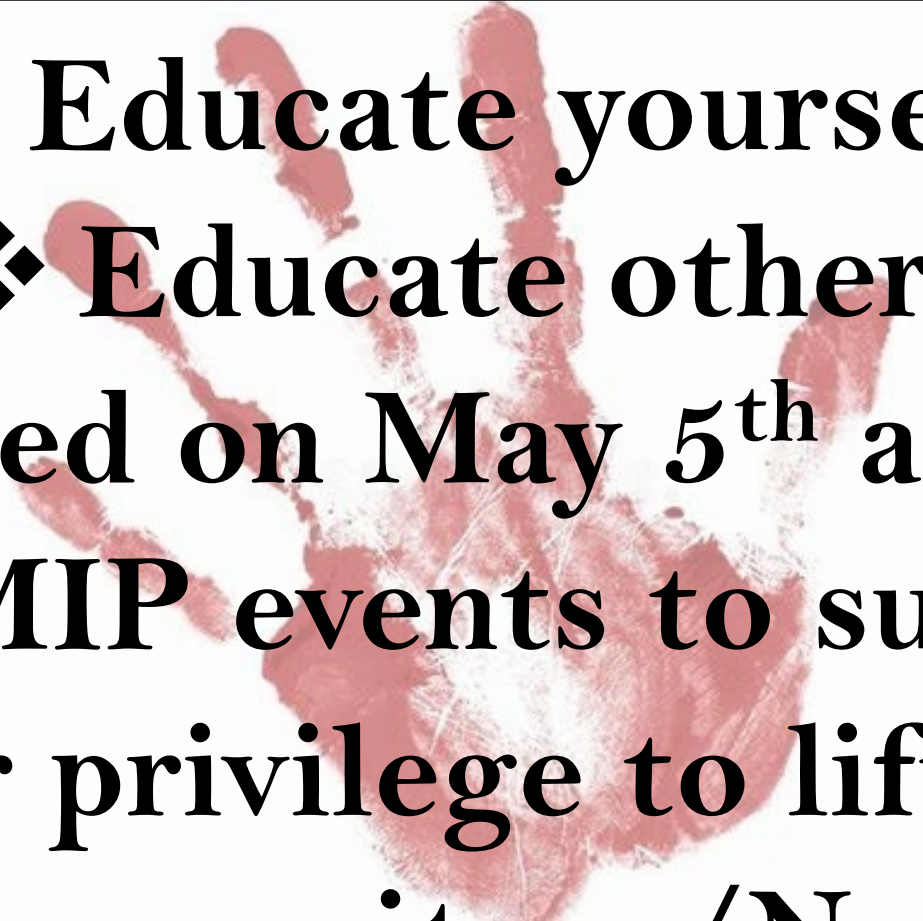
67%

The number of cases between 2005-2009 that U.S. attorneys declined to prosecute of native community matters involving sexual abuse.

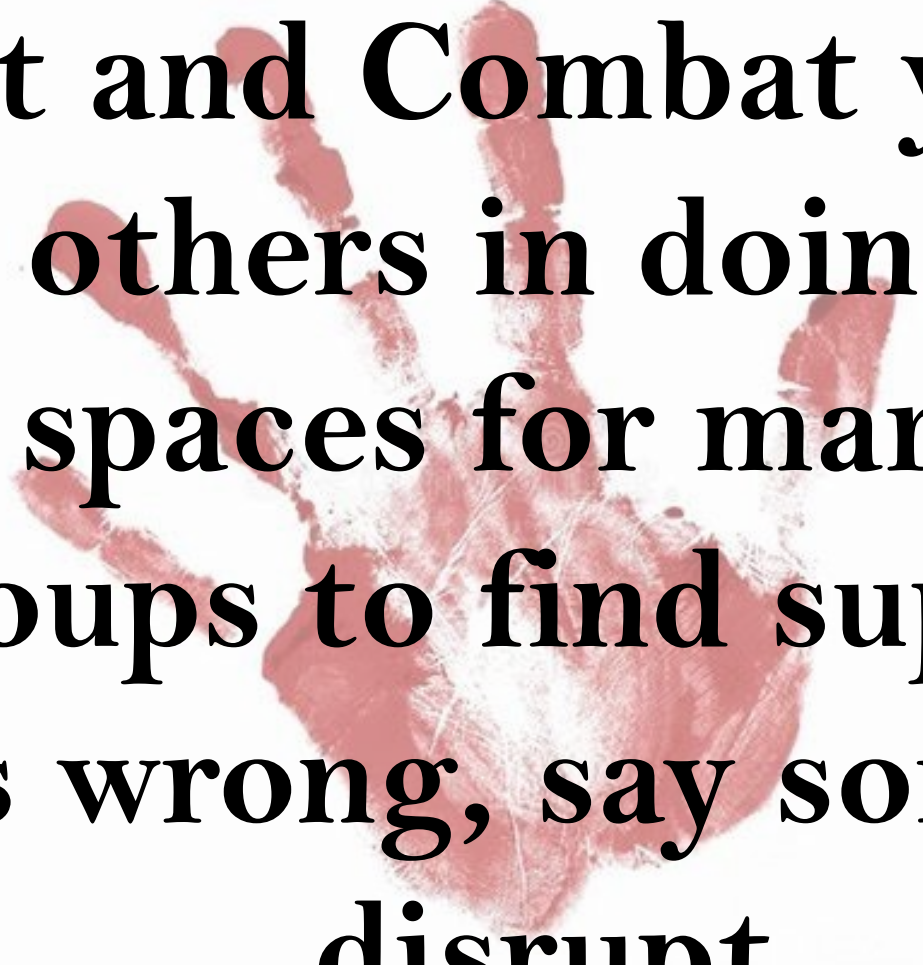
96%

On some reservations, the number of sexual violence against Native women committed by non-natives.

What You Can Do

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- ❖ Educate yourself
 - ❖ Educate others
 - ❖ Wear Red on May 5th and Attend MMIP events to support
 - ❖ Use your privilege to lift-up others
 - ❖ Be in Community w/Native People

What MORE You Can Do

- ❖ Confront and Combat your biases
 - ❖ Support others in doing the same
 - ❖ Create spaces for marginalized groups to find support
 - ❖ If it is wrong, say something, disrupt
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