**Native American Sovereignty Assignment (Due Monday Dec. 16)**

Using the sources provided, you will explore Native American Sovereignty rights and answer the questions below. Think about the rights vs. responsibilities of these tribes and how they differ from other groups we have discussed.

**Step 1: Read the handouts on tribal government and U.S./tribe relationships. The last page introduces the Fish Wars in the Pacific Northwest. You should be able to answer the following:**

* What is a sovereign government? What right does this give the tribes and how does their government structure compare to that of the United States?
* What responsibilities do tribal government have? What are the common agreements made in treaties with the U.S.? Consider how this might affect U.S./Tribal relations.
* How do tribal governments interact with federal and state governments?

**Step 2: Using the link below, explore the resources around The Fish Wars in the Pacific Northwest. Watch *at least 2* of the videos and explore the other resources available. You should be able to answer the following:**

* What were the Fish Wars about?
* What were some of the conflicts surrounding Native American fishing rights?
* How were the Fish Wars resolved? Was this enough?
* How do the Fish Wars affect the relationship between Native American citizens and the government?

<https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/pnw-fish-wars/#staging>

**Step 3: Read *at least one* of the listed articles (links on Ruether’s website) about other Native American rights issues. Answer the following:**

* What rights are still an issue? Why is this an issue and how does it affect Native American/U.S. relations?
* How are they attempting to resolve the issue?

**Step 4: Find an article of your own about Native Hawaiian, Native Alaskan (Inuit), or territorial citizens.**

* **What rights/responsibilities are coming into conflict?**
* **How do these issues compare to the rights/responsibilities of other groups we have discussed?**

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