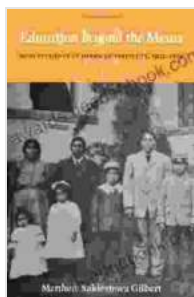


The Plight of Hopi Students at Sherman Institute: A Case Study in Indigenous Education, 1902-1929

The Sherman Institute was a boarding school for Native American children that operated in Riverside, California, from 1890 to 1929. The school was founded by Captain Charles H. Burke, a U.S. Army officer who believed that Native American children could be assimilated into white American culture through education. The Sherman Institute was one of many boarding schools that were established in the late 19th and early 20th centuries as part of the U.S. government's policy of Indian assimilation.

Hopi students were among the many Native American children who were sent to boarding schools. The Hopi are a Native American tribe that lives in the southwestern United States. The Hopi have a rich culture and history, and they have resisted assimilation into white American culture for centuries. However, the U.S. government's policy of Indian assimilation forced many Hopi children to attend boarding schools, where they were subjected to a variety of assimilationist policies and practices.



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The Sherman Institute was a particularly harsh environment for Hopi students. The school's policies and practices were designed to strip Hopi students of their culture and identity and to replace them with white American values and beliefs. Hopi students were forbidden from speaking their native language, practicing their traditional religion, or wearing their traditional clothing. They were forced to cut their hair and adopt white American names. They were also subjected to physical and emotional abuse.

Despite the harsh conditions at the Sherman Institute, Hopi students resisted the school's assimilationist policies and practices. They maintained their cultural identity by speaking their native language, practicing their traditional religion, and wearing their traditional clothing in secret. They also formed secret societies and organizations that helped them to maintain their cultural identity.

The Hopi students' resistance to assimilation was a testament to their strength and resilience. Despite the challenges they faced, they refused to give up their culture and identity. Their resistance helped to preserve Hopi culture and identity, and it played a role in the broader movement for Indigenous rights.

The Assimilationist Policies and Practices of the Sherman Institute

The Sherman Institute's assimilationist policies and practices were designed to strip Hopi students of their culture and identity and to replace

them with white American values and beliefs. These policies and practices included:

- A ban on speaking Hopi
- A ban on practicing Hopi religion
- A ban on wearing Hopi clothing
- Forced haircuts
- Adoption of white American names
- Physical and emotional abuse

These policies and practices were designed to break down Hopi students' cultural identity and to make them more receptive to white American culture. However, Hopi students resisted these policies and practices in a variety of ways.

Hopi Resistance to Assimilation

Hopi students resisted the Sherman Institute's assimilationist policies and practices in a variety of ways. These methods included:

- Speaking Hopi in secret
- Practicing Hopi religion in secret
- Wearing Hopi clothing in secret
- Forming secret societies and organizations
- Running away from the school

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The Legacy of the Sherman Institute

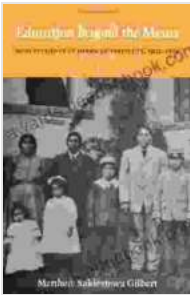
The Sherman Institute closed in 1929, but its legacy continues to this day. The school's assimilationist policies and practices had a devastating impact on Hopi students and their families. Many Hopi students who attended the school experienced physical and emotional abuse, and they were stripped of their culture and identity. The legacy of the Sherman Institute is a reminder of the harmful effects of assimilationist policies and practices.

Today, the Hopi tribe is working to heal the wounds of the past. The tribe has established a number of programs and initiatives to help Hopi people reconnect with their culture and identity. The tribe is also working to promote Indigenous rights and to ensure that Native American children have access to quality education.

The story of Hopi students at the Sherman Institute is a tragic one. However, it is also a story of resistance and resilience. Despite the challenges they faced, Hopi students refused to give up their culture and identity. Their resistance helped to preserve Hopi culture and identity, and it played a role in the broader movement for Indigenous rights.

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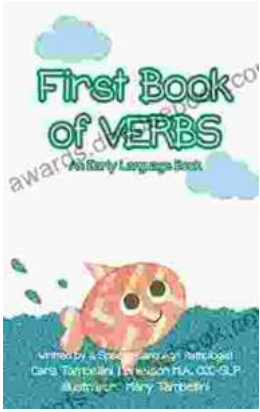
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