

Tribal Governments & Indian Lands Teachers' Institutes



First Teacher Institute June 2006



Second Teacher Institute July 2006

The objectives of Tribal Governments & Indian Lands Teachers' Institutes are clearly three-fold. First, this instructional program will provide elementary and secondary instructors exposure to the composition and operations of the nine federally recognized Tribal Governments in South Dakota, as well as, exposing them to the nature and make up of the other 550 such entities in the United States. Secondly, the Institutes will provide needed information on the diverse and complex ways in which Indian lands are held within and outside the State. Lastly, participants will be exposed to the history and current issues of culturally significant sites with an emphasis on Bear Butte. Throughout, participants will be shown methods and materials useful in conveying this complicated material to their students.

Two five-day Tribal Governments & Indian Lands Teachers' Institutes were held in the summer of 2006. The first Institute was held June 19 through June 23 and the second Institute was July 17 through 21, 2006. Each program consisted of 18 K-12 teachers, administrators, and students. With a vast majority of the participants in attendance being high school social science educators. Although a clear majority of the participants were educators from South Dakota schools with a large Indian student population, educators from Montana, Nebraska, and Minnesota were also in attendance.

Fellows received over \$550, which consisted of a stipend, travel and accommodations, and curriculum materials.

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