

Warm-Up: Native Perspective in West



"Do not misunderstand me [and] my affection for the land. I never said the land was mine to do with as I chose. The one who has the right to dispose of it is the one who has created it. I claim a right to live on my land, and accord you the privilege to live on yours. The earth is the mother of all people and all people should have equal rights upon it.

"You might as well expect the rivers to run backward as that any man who was born a free man should be contented when penned up and denied liberty to go where he pleases..."

- Chief Joseph

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1. How did Chief Joseph and his people view the concept of land ownership?
 2. Compare and contrast Chief Joseph's view of land ownership with that of most Americans in the late 1800s.
 3. What prediction does Chief Joseph make on the US government's reservation policy of the late 1800s?
 4. **Prediction:** Provide *two* reasons that Plains Indians and Americans were unable to solve their differences over the future of the Great Plains in the late 1800s? Explain.