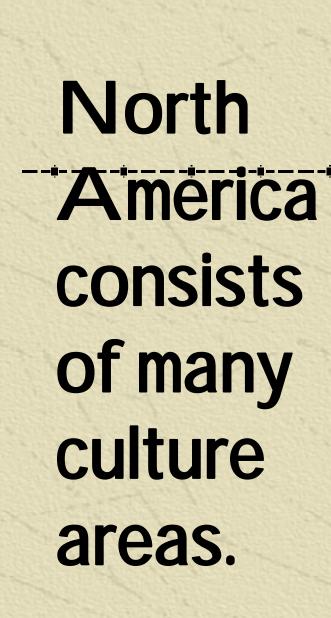


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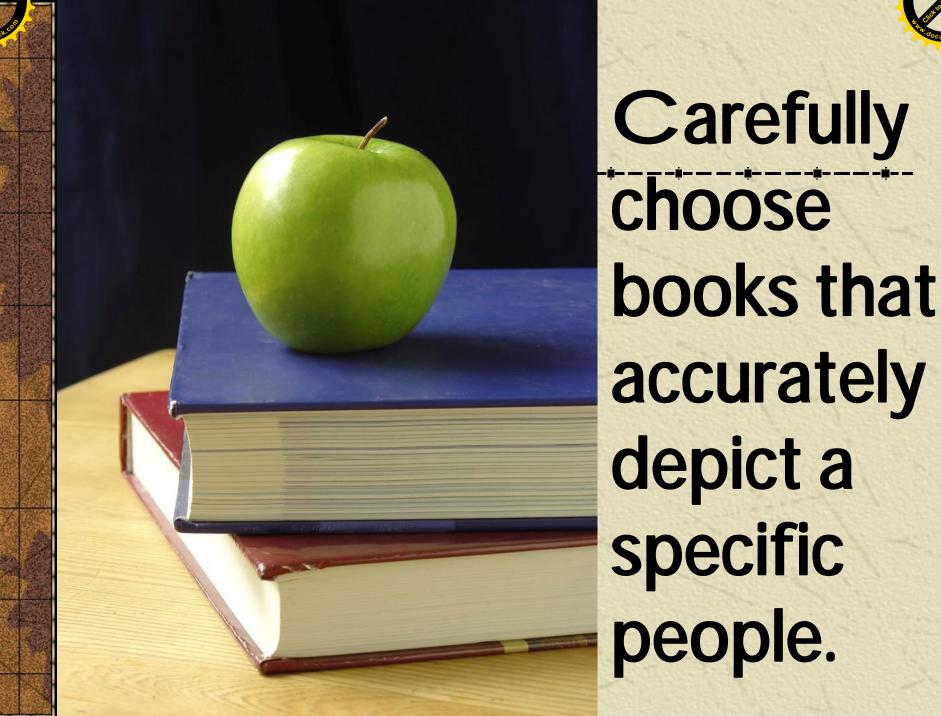
An alternate perspective on literature, art, and movies

Indian Creek Productions, Inc.











Don't lump several together.



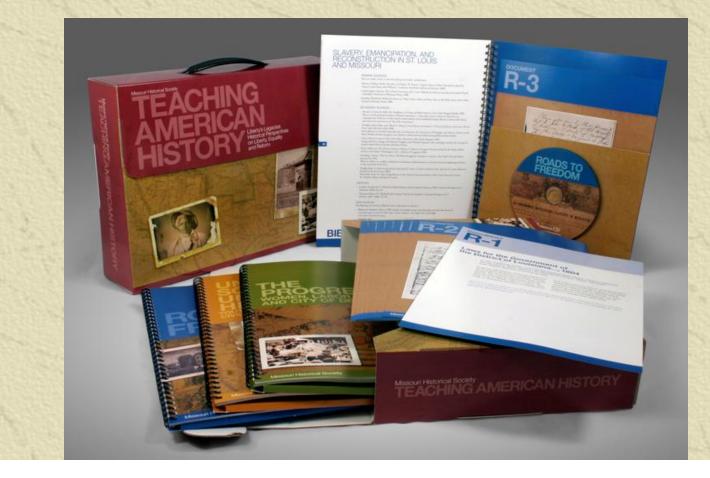


Look for accuracy.

This is sold as a "Cherokee" tepee.



Consider the language used in the book.



Frontier: the land or territory that forms the furthest extent of a country's settled or inhabited regions.



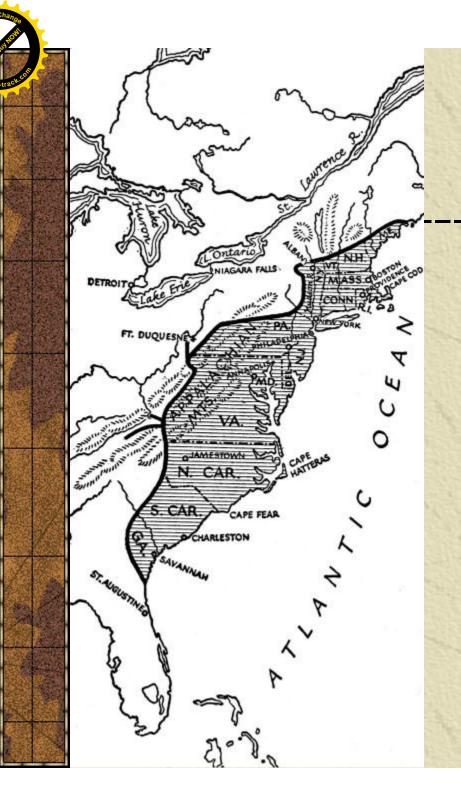


Frontiers are by definition uncharted and mysterious regions.









The frontier is typically considered from a **non-Native** perspective.

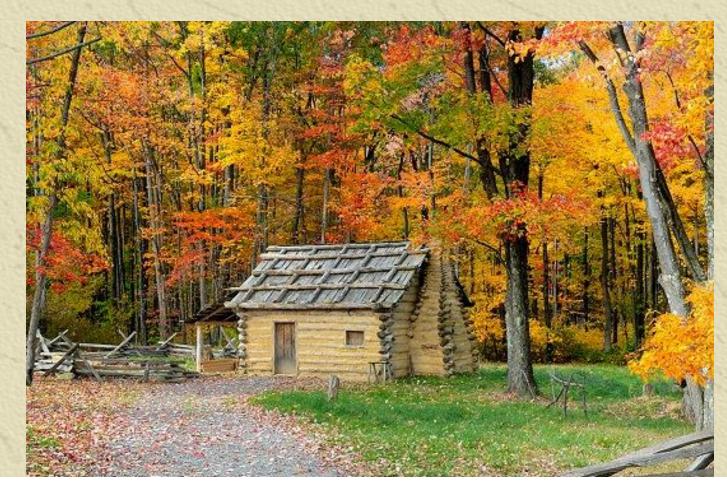


"We did not think of the great open plains, the beautiful rolling hills, and winding streams with tangled growth, as "wild."

- Chief Luther Standing Bear, Oglala Lakota

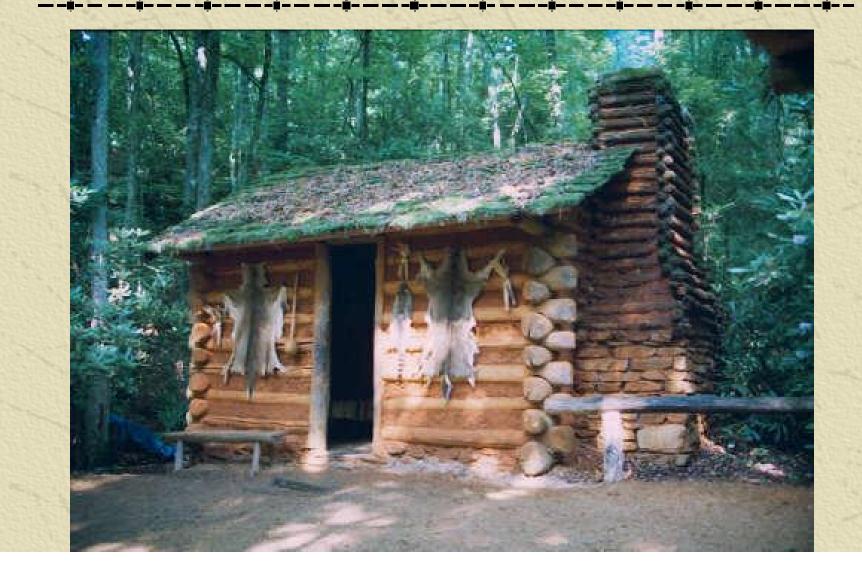


Settler: someone who settles.





Does it say, "white?"

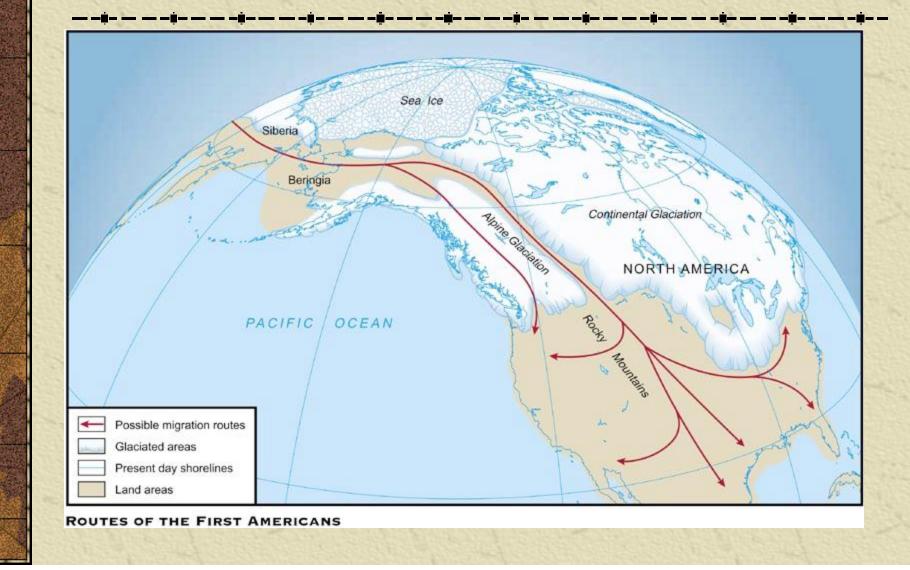




Pioneer: a person who is among those who first enter or settle a region, thus opening it for occupation and development by others.



Wouldn't this count?





Some other words and phrases to avoid:

Indian-giver Running around like a bunch of wild Indians



Chief Princess How! Squaw Sitting Indian-Style



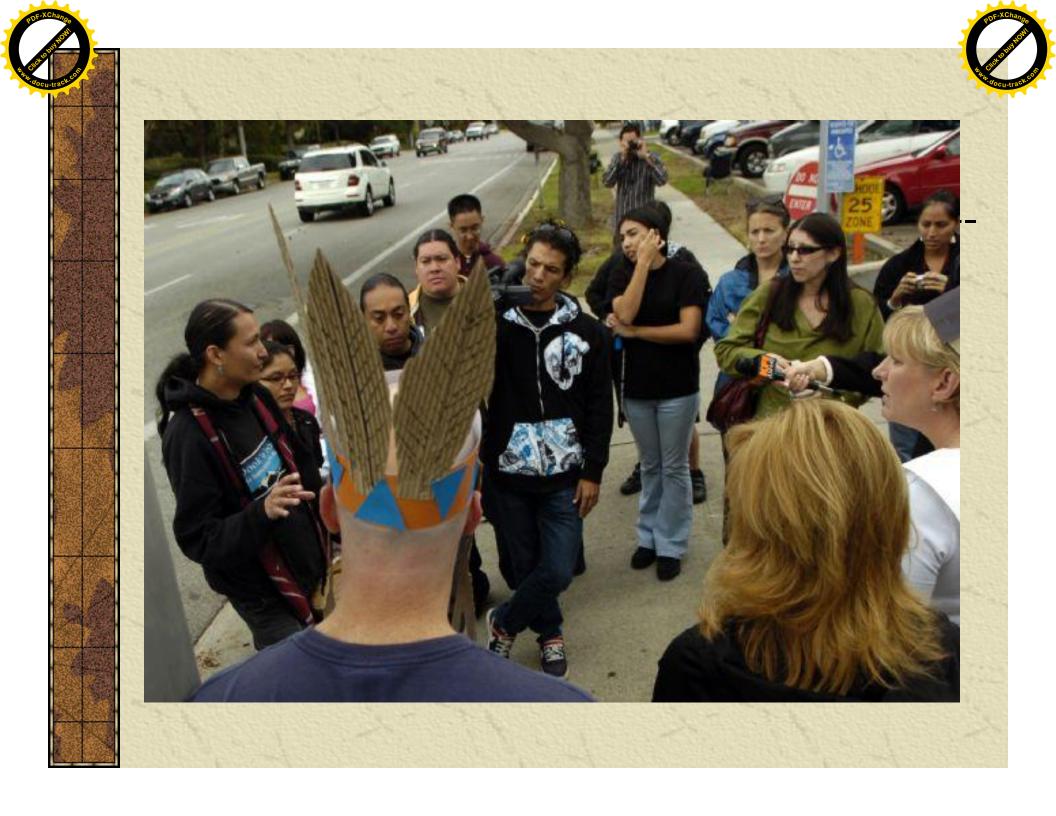
Thanksgiving



My Thanksgiving wish is winging its way...

Avoid books that put a "Hallmark" spin on the holiday.

What is wrong in this picture?







Beware of Columbus Day.





Something to celebrate?





Look for stereotypes at Halloween.



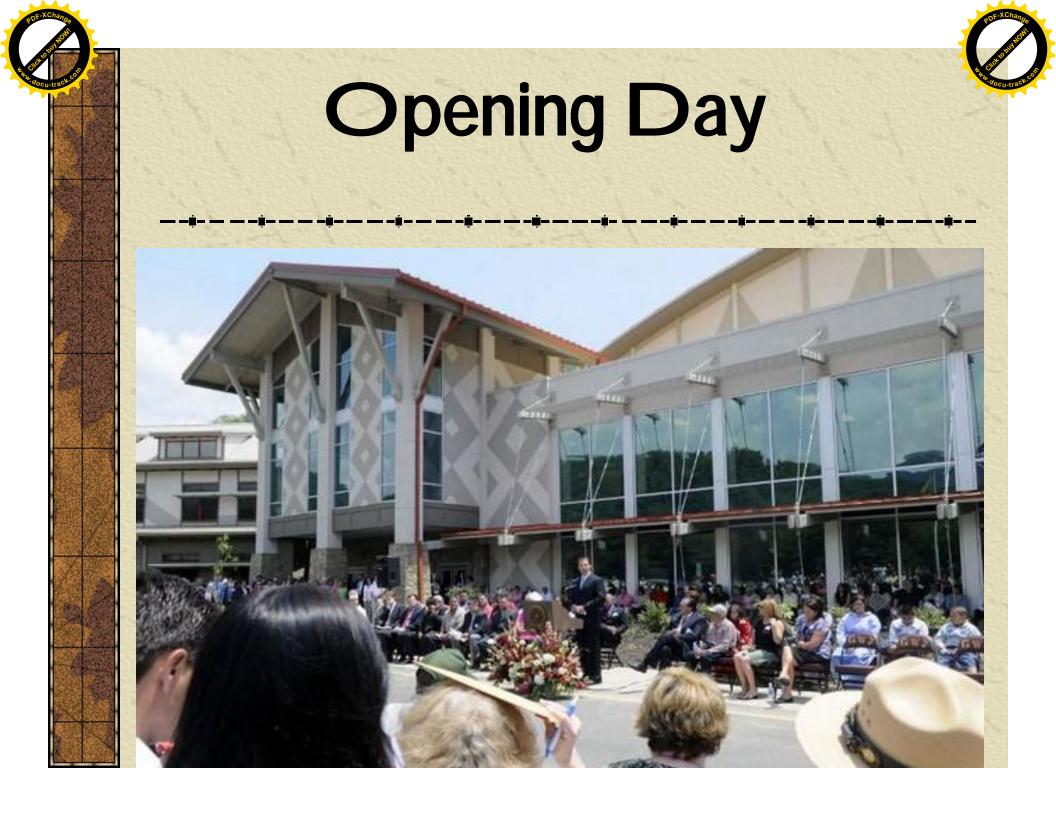
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Include current events.

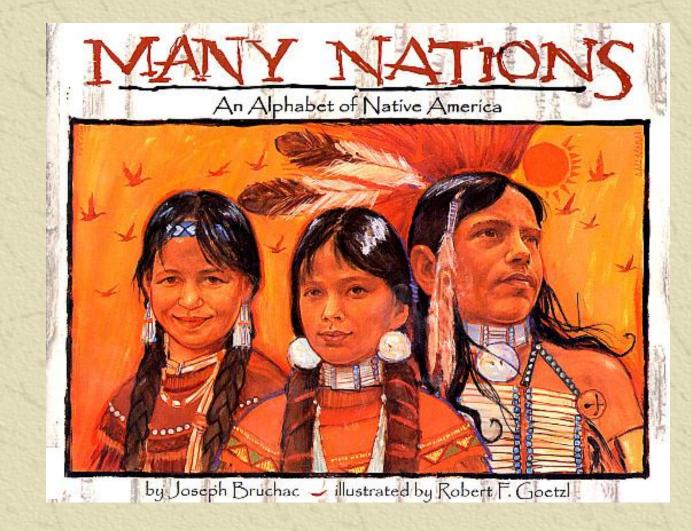
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Many people see Indians as fixtures of the past. However, in 2009, the **Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians opened** a state-of-the-art school complex.



Consider books by Native authors





Is the person writing about his or her own people?

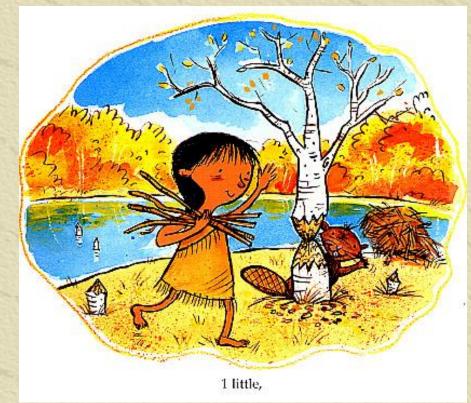
Has the person spent time living among the people? Remember: there are no guarantees.



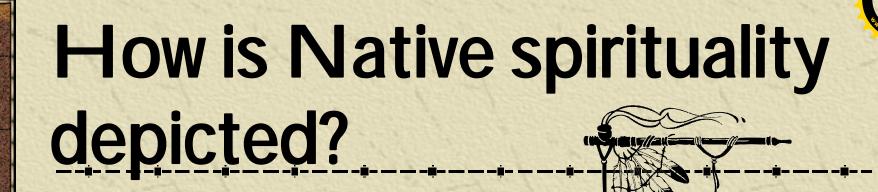
How has the book been accepted by thirteen moons those people? A. Novel This one is being CHARLES FRAZIEI translated into Author of COLD MOUNTAIN Winner of the National Book Award Cherokee.



How does the book depict Native clothing?

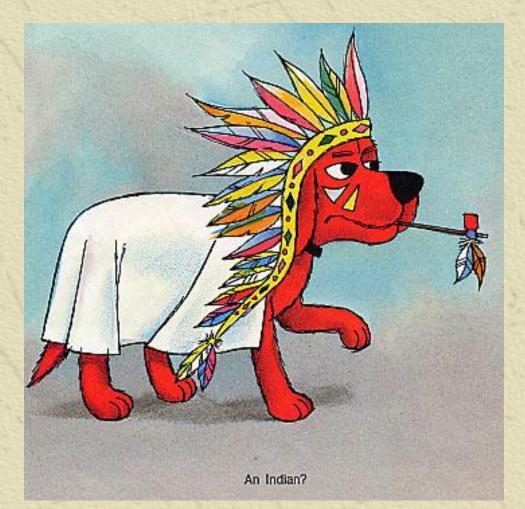


How about a connection to animals?



How are women treated?

Does it show animals in Native clothing?





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"Let us put our minds together, and see what life we will make for our children."

Tatanka lotanka (Sitting Bull)

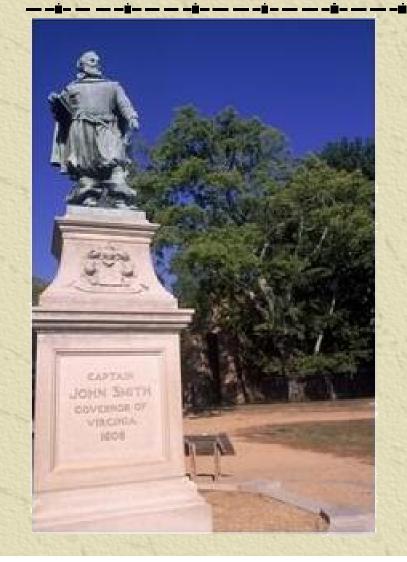


How are the people portrayed in the art?





Notice anything?



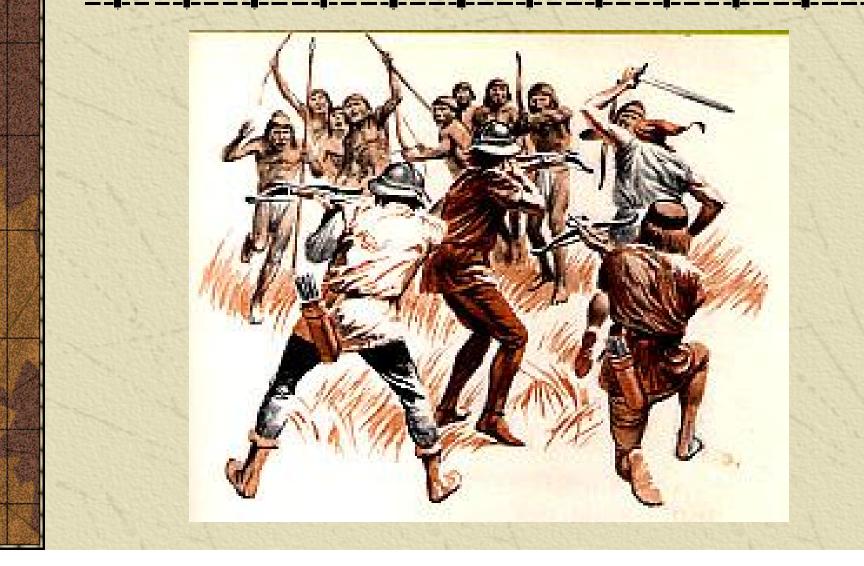






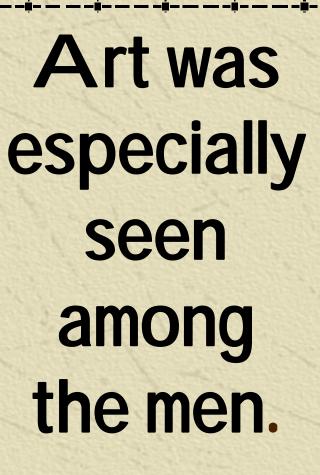


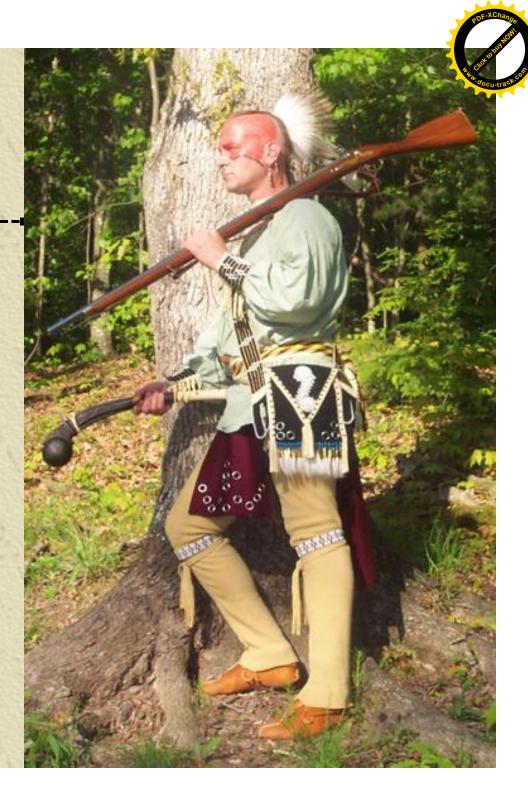
What is the perspective?





Artistic abilities were seen in functional pieces.







Having seen how Native people are often portrayed in textbooks and art, what about the movies?



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Remember "Dances with Wolves?"



So often, movies with American Indian characters are set in the past.





Who became more "Indian" than the Indians?



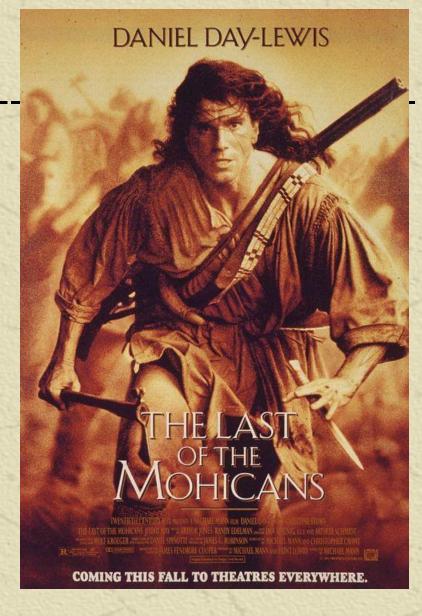


Who was his love interest? None other than a white woman.



How about "The Last of the Mohicans?"

Again the white man is more "Indian" than the Indians.



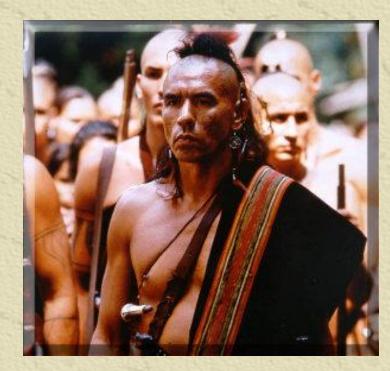


Once again, who are the love interests?





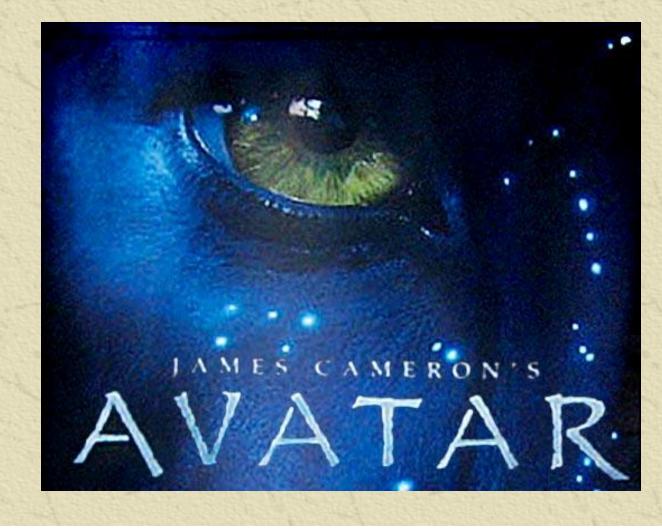
Both movies should get credit for using Native actors.





That's certainly better than what Hollywood once did!

However, in Avatar, a white man "becomes" an Indian.



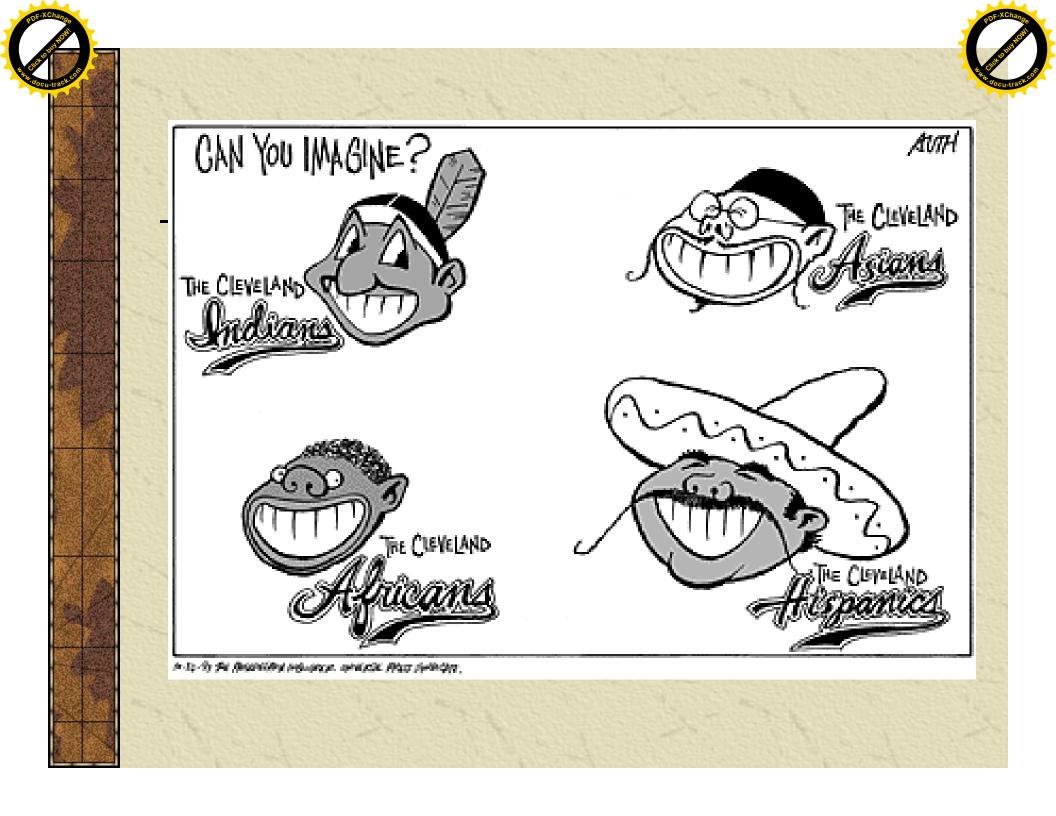


What does this say about Indians? About Hollywood?

About America?



If similar things were done to another ethnic group, would it be acceptable?





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