

Writing Exercises: Indian Wars

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class Period: _____

1. Imagine that you are a Native American living on the Great Plains in 1887. Discuss the pros and cons of the Dawes Act.

2. Compare and contrast Native American life on the Great Plains with that of the white settlers.

3. Summarize the events surrounding the Battle of Wounded Knee.

4. Select a Native American leader of this time period. Describe her or his achievements, life, and legacy.

5. From the Indian Wars to the 1960s, Native Americans often saw themselves stereotyped as mindless, bloodthirsty savages in American popular culture (e.g., films, cartoons, books). Was this depiction unbalanced or unfair? Why or why not?
