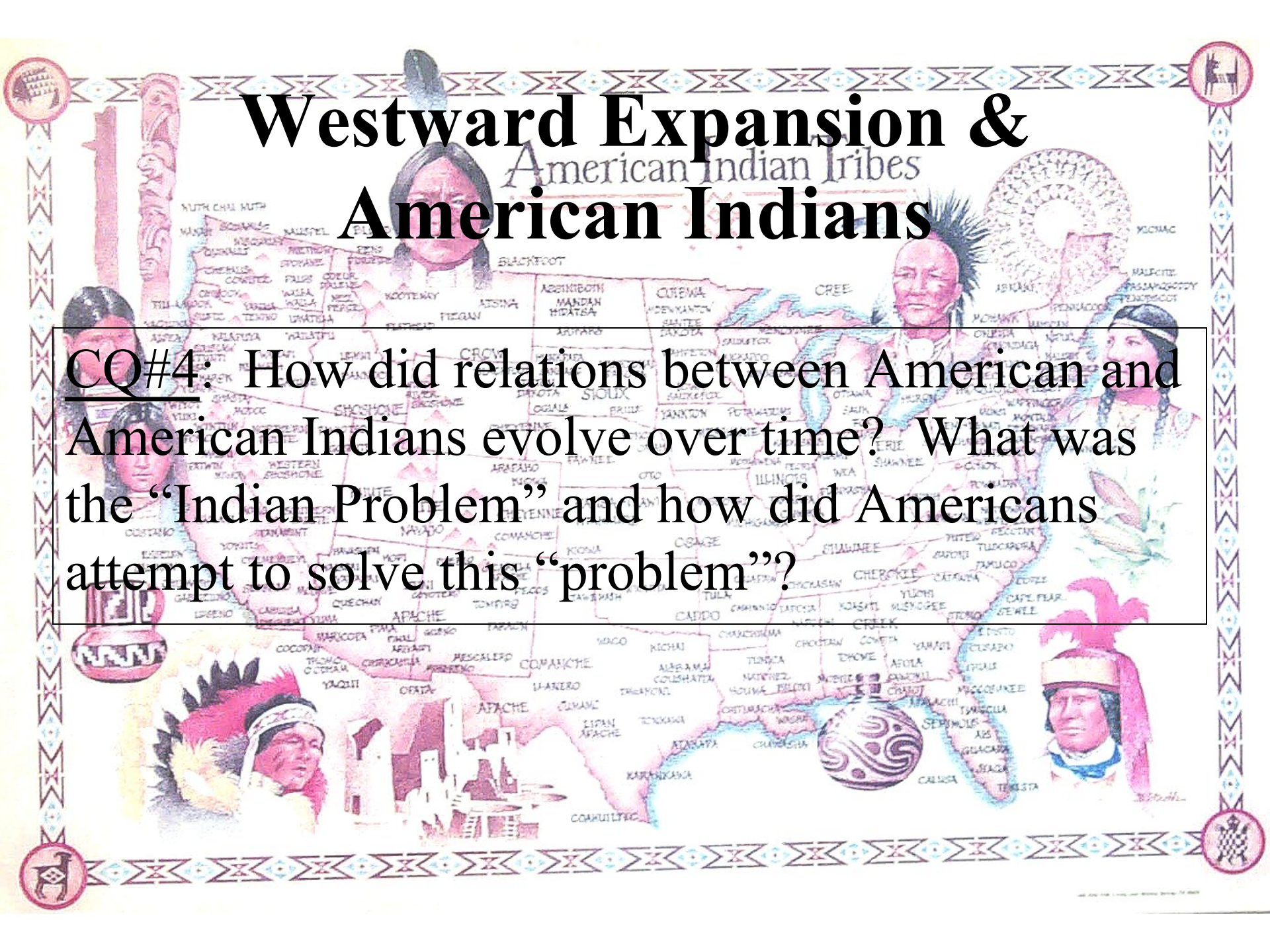


Westward Expansion & American Indian Tribes

CQ#4: How did relations between American and American Indians evolve over time? What was the “Indian Problem” and how did Americans attempt to solve this “problem”?



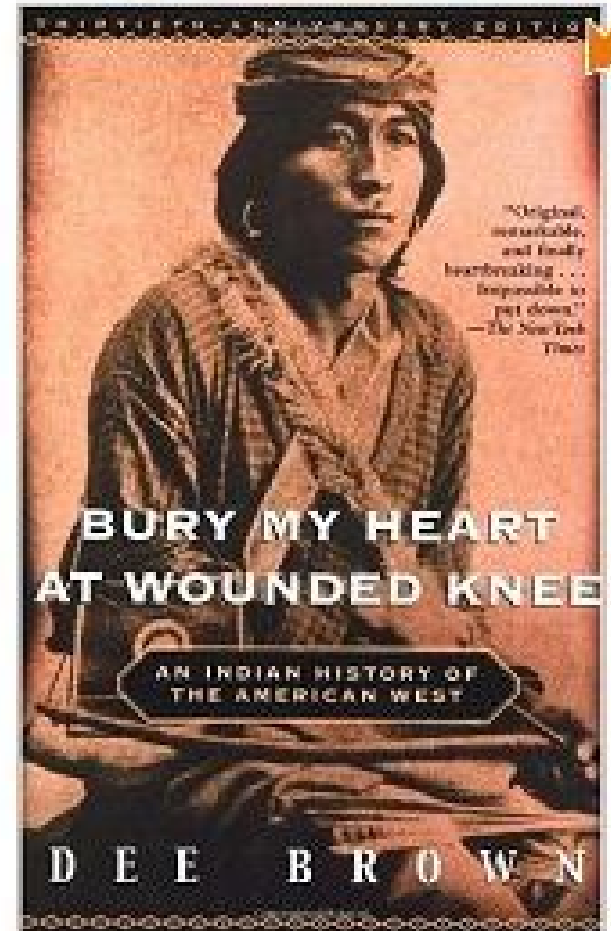
Cody's Vision: American Indians as savages

- Primitive & Uncivilized
- Half-naked, hootin' & hollerin'
- Barely able to communicate
- Viciously attacking innocents



Revisionist Vision: American Indians idealized

- Peaceful
- In Harmony with Nature
 - Spiritual
 - Conservationist
- Victims of American atrocity



Difficult to Generalize

- ~500 Nations
- 10s of Millions of people
- ~300 languages
- Diverse Environments→Diverse Cultures
- Complex dynamic relations among nations
- Columbian exchange→Change

TRIBES OF THE INDIAN NATION



TRIBES

OF THE

INDIAN NATION

Blackfoot

Cree

Crow

Sioux

Paiute

Shoshone

Cheyenne

Pawnee

Ute

Navajo

Apache

Apache

Shawnee

Cherokee

Choctaw

Seminole

How to Generalize?

Whole

Parts

Sample



(Continuum)

**Native
Americans**

**Geocultural
Groupings:**
Ex. Eastern
Woodland;
Plains; South
west

Tribe:
Ex. Powhatan;
Cherokee;
Cayuse; Lakota;
Nez Perce; Hopi

**Individual
Native
Americans:**
Ex. Pontiac;
Tecumseh;
Sequoyah;
Sitting Bull

What in Common?

- Social-Political Organization: Tribal
- Economics:
 - Hunter/Gatherer but some Agriculture
 - Extensive trade network
 - Land not commodity
- Universal Commonality:

Stress of American Expansion

How did American Indians Relate to the United States?

REMEMBER: Not a relationship between 2
groups but among many groups

Diverse Relations:

- Helpful/Cooperative
 - Trade
 - “Middle Ground”
 - Alliance
 - Assimilate
- Move/Relocate
- Resist/Fight

The “Indian Problem”

What is to be done about the Indians?

- Question/problem for Americans.
 - Inherently Racist
- Manifest Destiny & Native American presence
- 3 Basic Responses
 - Removal→Reservation
 - Annihilation
 - Assimilation
- All problematic & controversial
- No consensus achieved