

<p><b>1950s</b> The USA was the richest and most powerful country in the world.</p> <p>American politicians believed that the USA is 'the defender of the free world' against other systems and ways of life, such as communism. People tended to trust the government.</p> <p>American government followed a policy of 'relocation' of Native Americans from rural reservations to the cities of the USA. Land was taken away from the Native Americans and many now lived in poverty in the towns.</p>	<p><b>1960s</b> American economy continued to be the most successful in the world.</p> <p>American technology was the most advanced in the world. In 1969, an American, Neil Armstrong, was the first human being to set foot on the moon.</p> <p>Native Americans began to protest more forcefully about how they were treated by the American government. Many Americans were not interested when they complained about poverty and inequality.</p>
<p><b>1970s</b> The USA finally admitted defeat in the Vietnam War (1963-1975). Thousands of Americans had died in this long and bitter war against communism. Many had protested against fighting this war.</p> <p>1973: A world economic depression began – USA was still the richest country in the world, but many businesses closed down or made less profit or sacked many of their workers.</p> <p>Many colleges were set up on reservations. The tribes who attended them also controlled them. Many Native Americans now had the chance to further their education after they had finished school.</p>	<p><b>1980s</b> The American economy was still very successful, but other countries, particularly some in Asia, such as Japan, were now seen as serious competition for the USA as the world's richest countries.</p> <p>1981-9: President Ronald Reagan led the USA. He wanted Americans to be proud of what their strong country had done over the years.</p> <p>March 1985: The Supreme Court of the USA decided that the Native American Oneida people, who had had their land in the east of the USA taken away 200 years before, should have it returned to them.</p>
<p><b>1990s</b> The environmentalist movement became more important in American politics.</p> <p>Since 1990 it was the law in the USA that any objects in museums which were taken in the past from Native Americans and which they believed to be sacred to them, had to be returned.</p> <p>Native Americans were <u>still</u> trying to get the American government to give back land taken from them over the previous 200 years. Their demands for land were usually rejected.</p>	<p><b>2000s</b></p>