

U.S. History Summer Reading (11th Grade)

Read the following article on the Trail of Tears: <http://www.history.com/topics/trail-of-tears>

Once you have finished respond to the following writing prompt in a one-page answer.

- Describe the Trail of Tears. (What was it?) Be sure to include how Native Americans were treated and why they were treated this way during this time period in history.
- Evaluate the implications of the Trail of Tears by addressing the effect the relocation likely had on the relationship between the Native Americans and the U.S. Government.
- Address the extent to which the political actions taken at that time in history (and much later) rectified the situation. Do you think more should have been done then or should be done today to make up for this past discrimination?

Include details and examples from the article to support your response.