Title
Political Aspects of Lakota Culture: An Approach to Curriculum Development.

Theme
Traditional Tiwahe to Current IRA Established Government.

Goal
Students will develop knowledge and understanding of the pre-Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) and post-IRA governments.

Objective
An understanding of Lakota government and politics begins with the traditional Tiwahe to the Oyate and everything in between. The traditional Lakota government was altered forever with the advent of the IRA. The push to return to a somewhat traditional government continues today.

Theme One: The Tiwahe
Goal: Students will gain an understanding of the earliest forms of tribal government.
Key concepts:
1. Household
2. Seating arrangement
3. Ate
4. Hereditary importance
Resources: Victor Douville – Lakota Tribal Government

Theme Two: Tiospaye
Goal: Students will gain an understanding of the community political structure.
Key concepts:
1. Naca (Leader)
2. Hereditary
Resources: Victor Douville

Theme Three: Ospaye
Goal: Students will gain an understanding of the band tribal government unit.
Key concepts:
1. Intancan (Leader)
2. Appointed
Resources: Victor Douville

Theme Four: Oyate
Goal: Students will gain an understanding of the nation’s political structure.
Key concepts:
1. Yatapika (Leader)
2. Appointed
Resources: Victor Douville
Theme Five: IRA Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council
Goal: Students will develop an understanding of the IRA Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council Setup and Responsibilities.
Key Concepts:
   1. Community vote
   2. 2/3 majority
   3. legislative body
Resources: Victor Douville

Theme Six: Tribal President
Goal: Students will gain an understanding of the responsibilities of the tribal leader.
Key concepts:
   1. Elected
   2. Obligations
   3. Representation
Resources: Victor Douville

Theme Seven: Community Chairpersons
Goal: Students will develop an understanding of the function and roles of local community leaders.
Key concepts:
   1. Elected
   2. Community meetings
   3. Representation
Resources: Victor Douville

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