

Assimilation was an effort by the United States to transform Native American culture to European-American culture between the years of 1790—1920. George Washington and Henry Knox were first to propose, Indian American context, the cultural transformation of Native Americans. They formulated a policy to encourage the "civilizing" process.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the government outlawed the practice of traditional religious ceremonies. It established boarding schools which children were required to attend, In these schools they were forced to speak English, study standard subjects, attend church, and leave tribal traditions behind.

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