US History

On the Use of English in Indian Schools- 1887

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What is assimilation?

What was the purpose of assimilating the Native Americans into the white culture?

What was one primary method of assimilating Native Americans?

What is the “great work” the government has started?

What does it seem to mean to be a US citizen?

What does the author say about the ‘value’ of the US?

What does he believe about the importance of language?

What examples outside of the US are used to support English in schools?

Has this changed today? Explain

How is the Indian vernacular of detrimental to the Native Americans?

When is it acceptable to use the vernacular with the Native Americans?

What words do you find in this essay that demonstrate a negative opinion of Native Americans?

What is the government’s view of “civilization”?