

Chief Joseph

"I am tired of fighting. Our chiefs are killed. Looking Glass is dead. Toohulhulsote is dead. The old men are all dead. It is the young men who say yes or no. He who led the young men is dead.

It is cold and we have no blankets. The little children are freezing to death. My people, some of them, have run away to the hills and have no blankets, no food. No one knows where they are--perhaps freezing to death. I want to have time to look for my children and see how many I can find. Maybe I shall find them among the dead.

Hear me, my chiefs. I am tired. My heart is sick and sad. From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever."

1. Why has Chief Joseph decided that he will "fight no more"?

Native American Boarding Schools

The goal of Indian education from the 1880s through the 1920s was to **assimilate** Indian people into the **melting pot** of America by placing them in institutions where traditional ways could be replaced by those sanctioned by the government. Federal Indian policy called for the removal of children from their families and in many cases enrollment in a government run boarding school. In this way, the policy makers believed, young people would be immersed in the values and practical knowledge of the dominant American society while also being kept away from any influences imparted by their traditionally-minded relatives.

2. In the following sentence, "The goal of Indian education from the 1880s through the 1920s was to **assimilate** Indian people into the **melting pot** of America..." what do the following words or terms mean?

a. Assimilate

b. Melting pot

3. What was the main purpose of the Native American boarding schools?
