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CULTURALLY RELEVANT TEACHING STARTS WITH INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION AND RESPECT

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Bear River Massacre Site/Massacre at Boa Ogoi, Idaho



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WHAT IS A LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT?

A formal statement or territorial acknowledgement that recognizes and respects the Indigenous peoples as the original inhabitants or lands belonging to Indigenous people.

AMERICAN PROGRESS, 1873



WHAT IS A LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT?

- A statement would convey respectful bringing honor, reverence
- Indigenous tribal names, languages and spelling
- Words evoking Indigenous peoples' past, present, and future existence
- Blessing and/or approval by Indigenous tribes

WHAT IS A LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT?

“When we talk about land, land is part of who we are. It’s a mixture of our blood, our past, our current, and our future. We carry our ancestors in us and they’re around us. As you all do.” -Mary Lyons, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

WHY RECOGNIZE INDIGENOUS LANDS?

- Connection to Indigenous history-OUR history of always being here
- Connection to our lands and related original homelands
- We are still alive-Say our names and keep our language alive
- Recognize our Ancestors
- Support Indigenous tribes and peoples



RESOURCES TO DETERMINE INDIGENOUS LANDS YOU ARE ON

- You can type in the location directly on this map

- <https://native-land.ca/>



CONNECTION TO SCHOLARSHIP

- Creates intentional space for critical reflection on decolonization
- More than a 'literature search'
- Traumatic history of place and people
- Land taken for higher education

CONNECTION TO RESEARCH

- Allows for Indigenous voices long silenced to be heard
- Purposeful, critical reflection on the 'why' behind historical Indigenous silencing in Higher Education
- Provides context to discover an 'other' perspective in research

CONNECTION TO LAND GRANT MISSION

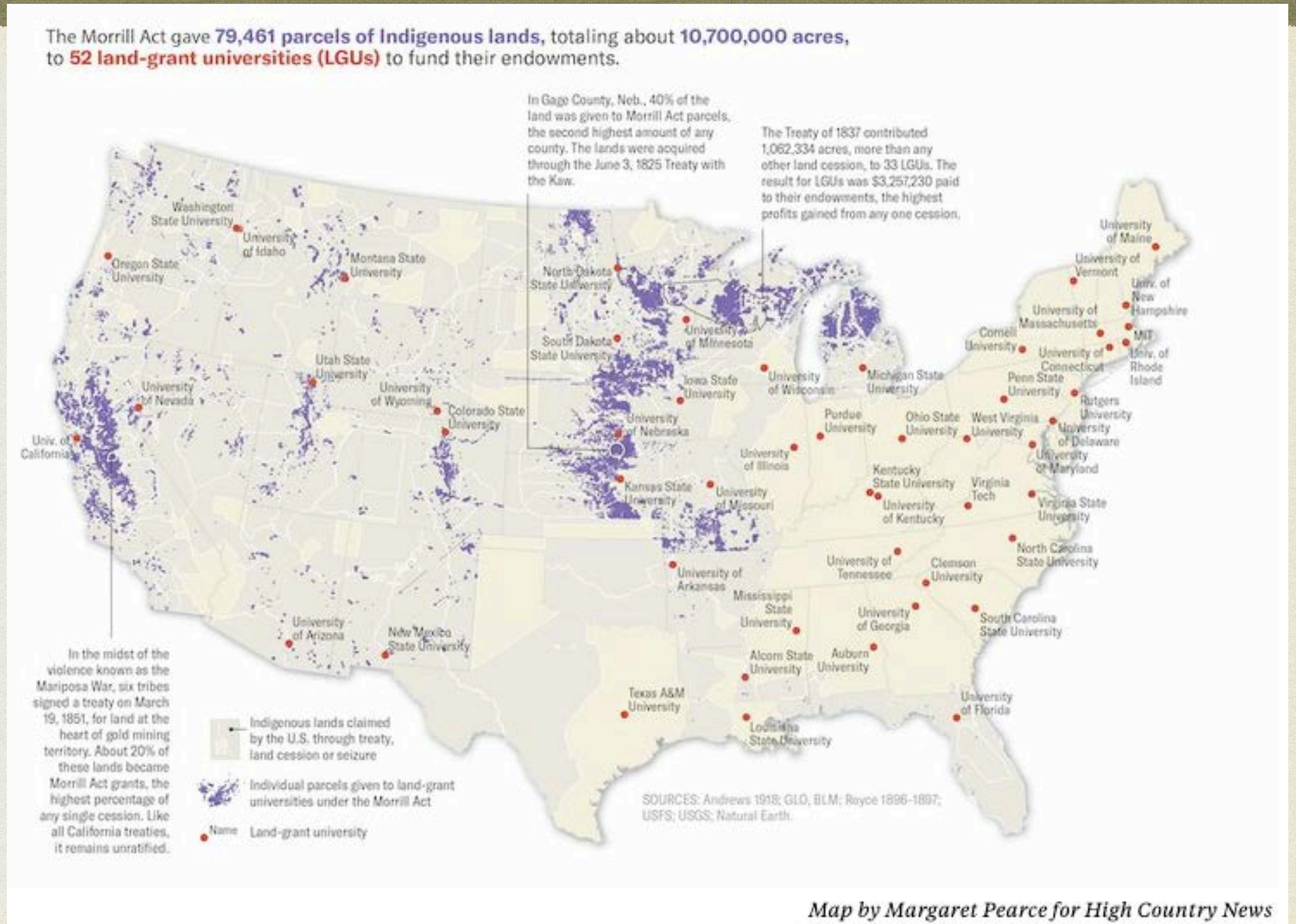


Utah Division of
Indian Affairs

Tribal communities=Tribal partners, Tribal students,
Tribal Resources

CONNECTION TO LAND GRANT MISSION

- On Indigenous Lands, respectful
- Land Grab through the Morrill Act 1862





USU

Land Statement:

We acknowledge that USU and all in-state USU Institutions reside on the original territory of the eight federally recognized Tribes of Utah. Tribes that have been living, working, and residing on this land from time immemorial. These Tribes are the:

Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Indians

Navajo Nation

Northern Ute Tribe

Northwestern Band of Shoshone

Palute Indian Tribe of Utah

San Juan Southern Palute

Skull Valley Band of Goshute

White Mesa Band of the Ute Mountain Ute

We acknowledge the painful history of genocide and forced removal from this land, and we honor and respect the Indigenous peoples still connected to the land on which we gather. Please let's take a moment of silence to pay respect to the Indigenous peoples of past and present.



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INCLUSION CENTER

- Resources

- <https://utahstatemagazine.usu.edu/environment/a-healing-ground/>

- <https://native-land.ca/resources/territory-acknowledgement/>

- <https://www.landgrabu.org/>

- <https://www.hcn.org/issues/52.4/indigenous-affairs-education-land-grab-universities>

- Resources

- <https://indian.utah.gov/tribal-nations/>

- https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2021/01/26/indigenous-knowledge-systems-often-overlooked-in-academia.html?fbclid=IwAR2_wHSW6LRUdCO_rNLsTE5I6gostI6CSLB8jxfop0B2cZ44Co2JODAlPNp8

- https://theconversation.com/the-stories-behind-aboriginal-star-names-now-recognised-by-the-worlds-astronomical-body-87617?fbclid=IwAR2PdysCURxbLvsPeUBUPnGBfWoKxsdsn9Lw5jED_D-tsk_9GyhfeOPO4Bw