

**Some facts about contemporary Pine Ridge Reservation:**

**Population:** 36,000 Lakota People, with one half being under the age of 18

Normally unemployment is 73-85%

Per Capita Income: \$4000

**Life Expectancy:**

Male 55 (US average is 75)

Female 60 (US average is 80)

**Infant Mortality Rate:**

Twice the normal average

**Suicide Rate:**

72% higher than the national average

**Diabetic Rate:**

37% of population is diabetic

**Alcoholism:**

4 million cans of beer a year (10,958 cans a day) are sold 1 mile from the people's chosen dry reservation in white Clay, NE. White Clay has a population of fewer than 35 people .

Children in Poverty:

69% of the children on the reservation live in poverty

**Some Suggested Resources:**

**Kili Radio, Voice of the Lakota Nation**

[http://www.kiliradio.org/kiliradio.org/KILI\\_home.html](http://www.kiliradio.org/kiliradio.org/KILI_home.html)

**Thunder Valley Regenerative Community**

<http://www.thundervalley.org/>

**The In-Sight Photography Project's Exposures Cross-Cultural Youth Arts Program**

<http://exposuresprogram.org/Home.html>

<http://insight-photography.org/Home.html>

**Bibliography of some good reading about Oglala Lakota Tribal History and Culture:**

**Books:**

- 1) Fools Crow, by James Welch
- 2) Lame Deer Seeker of Visions, by John (Fire) Lame Deer and Richard Erdoes
- 3) Crow Dog (four Generations of Sioux Medicine Men, by Leonard Crow Dog
- 4) and Richard Erdoes
- 5) Crazy Horse, by Mari Sandoz
- 6) How to Take Part in Lakota Ceremonies, by Fr. William Stolzman
- 7) The Pipe and Christ, by William Stolzman
- 8) Custer Died for Your Sins, by Vine Deloria, JR.
- 9) I have Spoken, American History Through the Voices of the Indians, compiled by Virginia Irving Armstrong
- 10) Lakota Woman, by Mary Crow Dog
- 11) The Sacred Pipe, Black Elks Account of the Seven Rites of the Oglala Sioux, Edited by Joseph Epes Brown
- 12) Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee, by Dee Brown
- 13) Oglala Religion, by William K. Powers
- 14) The Sioux, by Royal B. Hassrick
- 15) Neither Wolf Nor Dog, by Kent Nerburn (about Plains Indians not necessarily Lakota but a good read about cross-cultural aspects)
- 16) To You We Shall Return, Lessons of Our Planet from the Lakota Culture, by Joseph M. Marshall III
- 17) Lakota Way, by Joseph M. Marshall III
- 18) In the Spirit of Crazy Horse by Peter Matthieson
- 19) The Dullknife's
- 20) Black Elk Speaks

**Films:**

Incident at Oglala, produced by Robert Redford

Trudell, documentary on John Trudell

Smoke Signals, 1<sup>st</sup> feature length narrative, film written, made and produced by native people

**Thank you for your consideration,**

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