

Amá

Directions: As you watch the film, “Amá,” answer the following questions. Also, be sure to complete the extension This assignment is worth 30 pts (20pts for the video questions) and 10 pts for the extension activity. See rubric below.

1. According to Jean Whitehorse, what do children represent for her Navajo tribe?
2. What does Ms. Whitehorse explain about the Navajo language?
3. According to Ms. Whitehorse, what was the “Long Walk?”
4. Describe Ms. Whitehorse’s boarding school experience.
5. What role did late Dr. Raimert Ravenholt (he died last October), play in the United States’ government war on poverty and population control policy?
6. After high school, Ms. Whitehorse relocated to Oakland, Ca. What was her experience like while in the Bay Area?
7. According to Ms. Whitehorse, under which conditions was she sterilized without her knowledge or consent?
8. According to Comanche activist and women's health advocate, Charon Asetoyer, what long-term effects of forced sterilizations had on Indigenous women? What impact did it have on Ms. Whitehorse?
9. What government changes were eventually implemented to address the issue of forced sterilizations of Indigenous women?
10. What did Ms. Whitehorse begin to participate in that helped her to heal from the trauma she suffered and helped to repair the relationship with her daughter, Rolanda?

Extension Activity:

Other groups of marginalized women in the United States have been subjected to forced sterilization, including Mexican and Mexican-American women in Los Angeles County and incarcerated women serving time in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

Visit each of the following websites to learn more about the forced sterilization of these marginalized groups of women: “*No Más Bebés*” ([documentary site](#) and [New York Times Magazine](#) article) and “Belly of the Beast” ([documentary site](#) and a [NPR](#) article). Summarize what you’ve learned about the forced sterilization of Mexican and Mexican-American women in LA County and those incarcerated at the CDCR.

Criteria/Score	20 (100%)	15 (75%)	10 (50%)	5 (25%)
Comprehension of video, “Amá”	I have a complete and accurate understanding of the video, using my own words to answer the question in a complete sentence.	I have a somewhat complete and accurate understanding of the video, using my own words to answer the question in a complete sentence.	I have a simple understanding of the video, using my own words to answer the question in a complete sentence.	I do not understand the video and didn’t use my own words to answer the question in a complete sentence.

Criteria/Score	10 (100%)	7.5 (75%)	5 (50%)	2.5 (25%)
Comprehension of forced sterilizations on other marginalized women.	I have a complete and accurate understanding of forced sterilizations on other marginalized women, using my own words to express my understanding.	I have a somewhat complete and accurate understanding of forced sterilizations on other marginalized women, using my own words to express my understanding.	I have a simple understanding of forced sterilizations on other marginalized women, using my own words to express my understanding.	I do not understand the forced sterilizations on other marginalized women, and didn’t use my own words to express that understanding.

