

MODULE 2 / WEEK 2 READINGS AND ASSIGNMENT

- **Read:** Module 2 / Week 2 Lecture first.
- **Watch:** Understanding Native American Sovereignty, Sycuan Tribe (11 Minutes) at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfOs_r62uT8 (Links to an external site.)[Links to an external site.](#)
- **Read:** West's Indian Law in a Nutshell Chapter 4 [Nutshell Outline Chapter 4.docx](#) 
- **Read:** West's Indian Law in a Nutshell Chapter 5 [Nutshell Chapter 5.pdf](#)  (can be skimmed for relevant information)
- **Read:** National Congress of American Indians, Tribal Nations and the United States, An Introduction [Tribal Nations and the United States An Introduction.pdf](#)  (can be skimmed for relevant information)

Answer: 4 of the following questions according to the Writing Assignment requirements outlined in the syllabus. Required word count is 600 words. Answer 4 of the following questions, each question is worth 5 points for a total of 20 points. For formatting purposes, you can just use the question number or cut and paste the question directly on to your word doc. Cut and pasted questions will be excluded from the word count.

THE TOTAL WORD COUNT REQUIRED FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT IS 600 WORDS. THIS MEANS 600 WORDS FOR ALL FOUR QUESTIONS, NOT 600 WORDS FOR EACH QUESTION.

QUESTIONS FOR MODULE 2 / WEEK 2 WRITING ASSIGNMENT

(ONLY ANSWER FOUR)

1. After watching “Understanding Native American Sovereignty” clip and reading Chapter 5, how would you define tribal sovereignty?
2. What are some of the differences in the way a tribe would describe sovereignty versus how the Marshall court defined sovereignty? (For example, would a tribe agree to the doctrine of discovery or consider itself a “domestic dependent nation” like a ward of the federal government?)
3. What are the upshots of the Marshall trilogy cases? Although the court limited tribal sovereignty from its full exercise at contact, how did the court still recognize a tribe’s inherent power to control or provide for its own affairs and people? (Basically, how did the Marshall court uphold tribal sovereignty?)
4. What are the three legal regimes that apply to tribes? Which type of law “preempts” the others?
5. What is sovereign immunity? Does it apply to both tribal governments and tribal people or is it limited? What are some of the limits on sovereign immunity?

Extra Credit (5 points): Locate your tribe’s organizational chart or go to your tribe’s website and review how the tribal government is organized. Briefly explain your tribe’s governmental organization based on the concepts from Chapter 4.