VIEWER DISCUSSION GUIDE

Uncovering Boarding Schools Stories of Resistance and Resilience

In the video, Abby Hall says the boarding school experience wasn't talked about by former students. Why do you think that is?

Why do you think boarding school students were forbidden from using their traditional languages?

What do you think Richard Pratt meant when he said, "All the Indian in him should be dead. Kill the Indian in him and save the man?"

Think about the historical images you saw in the video. What do they tell you about life in the boarding schools?

Students as young as five were taken from their families and sent to boarding schools. How do you think that experience impacted their lives and their families' lives? Do you think there might have been lasting effects?

In the video, historian David Lewis says, "There's a huge vacuum of information in our society about Native people that has been suppressed, I think intentionally suppressed for generations." What do you think he meant by that? Why would this history be suppressed? Do you think that is changing?