Assimilation to American Culture

* The first stage of assimilation was to begin negotiations for the removal of Indian tribes to designated lands.
* The government sought to move the native population to unexplored western lands.
* They believed that Native Americans still need to be “civilized” as in give up their traditions, become Christians, learn English.
* Tribal elders were to give up their religious beliefs and rituals.
* Christian missionaries ran schools on the reservations.

