

**Warm Up (THINK)** Take (1) min to reflect on the information you've learned in school about Native American history. Jot Down some words or phrases that come to mind.

**(PAIR)** 1. Discuss your prior knowledge with a partner. Put a check by any information, above, that your partner also wrote down. 2. With the same partner reflect on any movements for Native American rights that either of you may have learned about or heard of. Jot Down your notes below. (3mins)

**(SHARE)** Review your notes above and circle the one you both think is most important or interesting. One of you will share this with the whole group.

**Activity #1 - See Think Wonder** Examine the images carefully, making educated observations. Complete the see, think, wonder sentence stems. Then use the background information to explore the history and purpose of the American Indian Movement.



<b>IMAGE 1</b>	I see (only describe what you see)
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I see _____, which makes me think ...	

So now I wonder.....

**IMAGE 2** | I see (only describe what you see)

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I see \_\_\_\_\_ , which makes me think ...

So now I wonder.....

Founded in July 1968 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the **American Indian Movement (AIM)** is an American Indian advocacy group organized to address issues related to sovereignty, leadership, and treaties.

During the 1950s, increasing numbers of American Indians had been forced to move away from reservations and tribal culture because of federal Indian termination policies intended to assimilate them into mainstream American culture. Founders of AIM included Mary Jane Wilson, Dennis Banks, Vernon Bellecourt, Clyde Bellecourt, and George Mitchell, while other activists like Russell Means worked with the organization prominently in the 1970s.

Check for Understanding: What was the purpose of the American Indian Movement?

Reflect: Why is it important for people to be able to maintain their culture?

**Activity #2 - Warrior Women** Read the synopsis for the documentary Warrior Women then view [the trailer](#) to complete analysis questions. The trailer will be played twice. Use the first viewing to watch and listen. Use the second viewing to complete answers.

In the 1970s, with the swagger of unapologetic Indian-ness, organizers of the American Indian Movement (AIM) fought for Native liberation and survival as a community of extended families.

Warrior Women is the story of Madonna Thunder Hawk, one such AIM leader who shaped a kindred group of activists' children - including her daughter Marcy - into the "We Will Remember" Survival School as a Native alternative to government-run education. <https://www.warriorwomenfilm.com/>

What role did Native women play in the fight for liberation during this time period?

**(Quote)** *"This country is built on the bones of our ancestors"*  
Based on the history of European colonization in the United States,

why is this quote significant?	
What major community initiative did Madonna Thunder Hawk establish?	
Why do you think there was a need for alternatives to government-run education?	
How can Native-run education programs positively benefit Native American youth?	

**Activity #3- Source Analysis Jot Dot** Read the article [Warrior Women The Story Of Red Power](#) and [History of W.A.R.N.](#) Respond to the jot dot questions below. Each response should be two to three sentences.

**Article #1**

1.Using the introduction: describe the four focuses of the Red Power movement?

2.What social issues did the American Indian Movement (AIM) hope to address in the 1970s?

3.What stereotypes have historically been placed on Native American people in mainstream media?

4.How does the film Warrior Women combat the stereotypes of Native women?

**Article #2**

1.WHEN and WHY was WARN founded?

2. Who were the founding women of WARN?

3. Describe how environmental and reproductive justice were connected with the work of WARN?

4. "Eliminating Indian mascots for sports teams" was one of WARN's many focuses. Explain how the use of Indian mascots is still a current issue of social justice?

**Assessment - Quick Write Reflection**

**Take (5)mins complete a seven sentence QUICK WRITE using the following prompts:**

1. What is the most important or interesting knowledge that you gained in this lesson?
2. Why is studying the history of WARN, AIM, and Native resistance significant (important)?

