Displacing Indigenous People

Australia

- The aborigines arrived in Australia over 40,000 years ago.
- The story of interaction between the European settlers, the natives and the land in Australia has many points of similarity to the story of the Americas.
- The economic development of Australia under European settlement was not as varied as in America.
- Some natives were employed in farms, under conditions of work so harsh that it was little different from slavery.
- From 1974, multiculturalism has been the official policy in Australia giving equal respect to native cultures and to the different cultures of the immigrants from Europe and Asia.

European Imperialism

- It is characterized as a period featured by unprecedented pursuit of overseas territorial acquisitions.
- The Western powers conquered almost all of Africa and parts of Asia.

North America

Winds of Change

Today, the natives have been able to asset their rights to their own cultures and to their sacred land.

Constitutional Rights

Earlier, both the democratic rights and the rights to property were only for white men.

The Gold Rush and the Growth of Industries.

There was always the hope that there was gold in North America. This led to the building of railway lines across the continent.

The Native People lose Their Land

As settlement expanded, the natives were induced or forced to move, after signing treaties selling their land.

Mutual Perceptions

By the 18th century, natives of America appeared 'uncivilized 'to the Europeans. The natives and Europeans had different perceptions of various things.

Encounters with Europeans

The first encounter with European traders happened in 17th century.

The Native People

The native people lived in bands, in villages along river valleys.