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#### Self-Evaluation, Week 1

This was an action packed week. I learned it is important to focus on the little things in housekeeping so I can absorb the material presented in class. I need to take clear notes, and most of all READ. My student interview showed me that I will to develop my critical thinking so I can make well thought out decisions later in life. When I wrote my personal narrative I explained how valuable my culture is to me and that I need to share it so others can understand.

Reading Peace, Power, Righteousness was incredible and difficult at the same time. I was relieved to know that other Natives experience the same problem with no real answer. The book opened my way of thinking to everyday words used, such as: sovereignty, colonization, freedom, traditional teaching, accountability, victimization, and American imperialism. We realized that these few words are hard to define based on each of us having a different background. For instance to interpret “traditional teaching” was impossible to express because there is no clear definition that lined up with our thoughts.

After reading Taiaiake book, I have to ask myself “how can the natives become a sovereign nation with the influence of the western society”.