*Need an Ethical or Writing focus?  
*Want to learn more about Native Americans? Try:

American Indian Experience - ES 338 E, W (Online)  
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When the storm is over . . . when rain and fire again leave the land in peace,  
than the world will no longer be the world, but something better.  
Anonymous

This course will provide a comprehensive look at the indigenous foundation of life and societal  
development in the Americas. Although largely marginalized in the annals of Euroamerican  
history, the American Indian experience and influence are still prevalent in many parts of the  
hemisphere today. We will explore some of the origins and beliefs of indigenous peoples since  
ancient times to the ethical importance of contemporary indigenous rights’ issues and issues  
related to the future.

The course has an ethical focus, is writing intensive, and divided into four time periods: 1)  
Indigenous Identity and Theory; 2) Ancient Indigenous World and Early Colonial Encounter; 3)  
Native American Relationship to the United States; and 4) Contemporary Issues and the  
Indigenous Future. All four periods overlap, though our focus will be in leading toward the  
fourth time period. Contemporary Amerindian issues are as hotly debated as ever, and their  
outcomes may affect both native and non-native peoples. Finally, students are encouraged to  
write comparatively in relation to their own personal backgrounds, e.g., by elaborating on the  
Pacific region and elsewhere.

Required Texts
*Richard A. Grounds, George E. Tinker, and David E. Wilkins, eds., Native Voices: American  
*Reader for American Indian Experience (p/u at Professional Image)

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