

### Questions related to *Johnson v. McIntosh* and Native Americans

1. What do all European nations who have acquired territory on the North American continent have in common?
2. Has the United States made the same claim?
3. Can the courts in the United States deny this claim?
4. Does the Supreme Court express some ambivalence about the European (and American) treatment of Indians? Include a quotation.
5. The Supreme Court believes there is “some excuse, if not justification,” for how Europeans have seized title to Indian lands. Describe this “excuse” or “justification.”
6. According to the Supreme Court, what is the status of Indians in the United States?
7. According to the Court, does this treatment of the Indians violate their natural rights as well as common practice among “civilized nations”?
8. Give two reasons, according to the Court, as to why this treatment is warranted.