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Department of the Interior

Office of Indian Affairs

1. The introductory paragraph of the letter leads you to believe the letter is about what?

Individual response.

2. What behaviors or customs of Indians are being scrutinized?

The Indians were being scrutinized over the men having long hair. Both genders were painting and they were still wearing their traditional dress, instead of the Europeans idea of civilized dress. Natives were also still performing their traditional songs and dances. In the eyes of the Europeans they thought the dances and songs were evil.

3. What is the suggested punishment or penalty for Indians who do not comply with the orders being made by the Office of Indian Affairs?

If Natives were not complying with the demands being made of them to assimilate into mainstream society the employers of Native people was to discharge the native employee. Or if Natives withdrew rations or supplies, employees were to withhold the rations and supplies in order to get the Natives to comply.

4. Based on this letter, who is the one deciding what civilization or mainstream means? Do you think they have the right to determine how the Native Americans should dress, dance or paint? Explain why or why not.

Individual response.