

determined by the white culture. I question this label, as I always have. I have never bought into believing I was inferior. If the society is to recognize Natives for the valuable contributions they have made, and can make, it must be ready to accept the challenge of educating in a method that will enable all students to gain and excel. To continue using the past educational systems will only perpetuate failure. Some Native values are in opposition to the white educational and urban industrial system. While the below-mentioned values will not apply to all American Indians, many of them have directly affected me in my life experience. Some of these differences are:

Tribal Traditional Values

Group Emphasis  
Present Orientation  
Time - Always With Us  
Age  
Cooperation  
Harmony With Nature  
Giving - Sharing  
Pragmatic  
Mystical  
Patience  
Listening Skills  
Religion - Way of Life  
Modesty

Urban Industrial Values

Individual Emphasis  
Future Orientation  
Time - Use Every Minute  
Youth  
Competition  
Conquest of Nature  
Taking - Saving  
Theoretical  
Skeptical  
Aggression  
Verbal Skills  
Religion - Segment of Life  
Self Attention