

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