

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