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DANCES WITH WOLVES

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This film offers an opportunity to consider the clash of cultures which occurred between white European and Native born Americans as it was manifested in the plains Indian Wars of the second half of the 19th Century.

Rewarded for his heroism during the Civil War, John Dunbar requests an assignment on the frontier.

19:00

Dunbar arrives at a deserted frontier fort.

33:50

Dunbar's first contact with the Sioux Indian Kicking Bird.

37:30

Sioux Tribal Council to discuss options for dealing with White settlers.

45:30

Dunbar rides to the Sioux camp and first meets Stands with Fist.

54:40

Dunbar meets the Sioux Chiefs.

1:01:20

Dream sequence in which Stands with Fist recalls the Pawnee attack which killed her pioneer parents.

1:06:40

Dunbar visits the Sioux encampment and meets with Kicking Bird.

1:16:00

Dunbar is invited on the Buffalo hunt.

Seminar Questioning Sequence:

What fundamental difference existed between the concept of land use of White European settlers with that of the Great Plains Indians?

How did the intent of Federal land policies conflict with the intent of Federal Indian policies?

What geographic and economic factors militated toward the destruction of Native American culture?

Report topics should provide a base for the discussion of the gradual White domination of the Great Plains and the destruction of the Native American way of life and should lead to the seminar questioning sequence concerning the causes of this culture clash.

Indian policy before 1851

Indian policy 1851-1867

Indian policy after 1867

Pike's Peak gold rush

Chivington massacre of 1865

Chief Black Kettle

Sioux War of 1865-1867

Chief Red Cloud

The Fetterman Massacre of 1866

Red River War of 1869-1874

The Black Hills gold rush of 1865

Battle of The Little Big Horn of 1876

Chief Sitting Bull

Battle of Wounded Knee of 1890

Chief Joseph's Rebellion of 1877

Chief Crazy Horse

Chief Geronimo

Homestead Act of 1864

Timber Culture Act 1873

The Desert Land Act of 1867

Railroad land policy 1850-1871

<p>1:18:00 Indian hunting party discovers the remnants of White Buffalo hunting.</p> <p>1:23:30 Buffalo hunt.</p> <p>1:41:30 Sioux war party leaves to attack the Pawnee.</p> <p>1:56:15 Explicit sex.</p> <p>2:00:00 Pawnee attack the Sioux village to steal horses.</p> <p>2:11:20 Dunbar marries Stands with Fist.</p> <p>2:16:10 Discussion between Dunbar and Kicking Bird concerning westward settlement of white pioneers.</p> <p>2:20:00 U.S. Army arrests Dunbar and charges him with treason.</p> <p>2:34:00 Dunbar is rescued by the Sioux.</p> <p>2:47:10 U.S. Cavalry searches for Dunbar who leaves the winter camp with Stands with Fist and flees westward.</p>		
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