NATIVE AMERICAN LAW UNIT

ARTICLE QUESTIONS: *Should Indian Reservations Give Local Cops Authority on Their Land?*

**DIRECTIOINS:** Read the article and respond to the following questions. Please write on a separate sheet of paper.

1. *Critical Thinking:* Why would Native Americans need to overcome fears about US law enforcement coming on to tribal land? What would be things that would concern them?
2. What happened in 2016 on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation?
3. What made the crimes different from ones in the past that left the tribe shaken?
4. What caused the Oglala Lakota Tribal council to declare a state of emergency? What immediate action did they take?
5. What strategy are tribal leaders considering that is so controversial with tribal members?
6. How many Indian Reservations do we have in the United States?
7. What government agency investigates major crimes on reservations?
8. What law are Indian Reservations subject to?
9. What jurisdiction do Indian lands fall outside?
10. *Critical Thinking:* What would be issues and problems that could arise from state and local law enforcement having no authority on Indian land?
11. Why are tribes reluctant to permit state or local police to operate on their land?
12. What is President Trump proposing that makes tribal police more in need than ever of the assistance of outside law enforcement?
13. What drug do tribal police believe is fueling these crimes?
14. Why would drug traffickers target Pine Ridge for meth distribution?
15. What are 3 things that are happening at Pine Ridge that fuel the high crime rate?
16. How does the meth problem on the Pine Ridge Reservation mirror society?
17. How many tribal police officers patrol Pine Ridge?
18. What is it about Pine Ridge that makes it so difficult to police?
19. What would the proposed mutual-aid agreement on Pine Ridge authorize and establish?
20. What fears do members of the tribe have about the agreement? What do many think should be done instead?
21. What counter argument do supporters of the agreement make?
22. What things have happened that lead the members to have deep mistrust of non-tribal law enforcement?
23. How did the Dakota Access pipeline lead to more mistrust between tribal members and law enforcement?
24. What caused the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe to rescind a mutual-aid agreement with the South Dakota State Highway Patrol?
25. *Critical Thinking:* Why is it important for South Dakota law enforcement officials and the tribe at Pine Ridge to be able to work together on this criminal issue?
26. *Critical Thinking:* After reading this article why do you believe Indian Reservations face the highest rates of violent crime in our nation?