

THE NATIVE AMERICANS

For native Americans, the Indians, the white conquest of the American continent was catastrophic. Many different Indian tribes lived in North America, and each tribe had its own language and traditions. Some were farmers, some lived by **hunting** or fishing, others were nomads and followed the buffalo migration. In a short time the Indians were deprived of their lands and their **rights**.

Terrible wars ended with the massacres of tribes and their deportation to concentration camps. From 1851 Indians were obliged to live on reservations, where farming or hunting were impossible. Native Americans lost their traditional way of life and were destined to poverty. Violence and discrimination continued for a long time and even today many of them suffer from serious problems like **unemployment**, alcoholism and high **rates** of suicide.

It was the desire for independence and freedom which caused the rebellion of the British colonies and the birth of the USA, but the expansion of this country caused the end of the American natives' independence and freedom.





hunting	caccia
rate	tasso
right	diritto
rule	governo
unemployment	disoccupazione

● Read the passages and put the following sentences into chronological order.