

Back in Order

Reading "The School at the Edge of the Earth" is fascinating and can help you learn about an important time in history. But it can be confusing unless you pay attention to how events unfold. In this activity, you will practice "sequencing," putting events from the article in the proper order.

Directions: In this activity, you'll retell "The School at the Edge of the Earth" by numbering the events below in the order they happened.

Carlisle shuts down for good.

Captain Henry Pratt convinces Sioux chiefs to send their children to Carlisle.

Captain Pratt convinces the U.S. government to turn an abandoned Pennsylvania Army barracks into a boarding school.

Ota Kte rides on a train with 83 other Sioux children.

The U.S. Army forces Native Americans off their lands and onto reservations.

Ota Kte's hair is cut and his name is changed to Luther Standing Bear.

Critical Thinking

What do you think might have happened if Ota Kte had not gone to Carlisle? Do you think he would have been able to accomplish what he did? On a separate piece of paper, write a well-organized paragraph explaining your opinion. Remember to back up your thoughts using details from the article.