

### **Identity Crisis: Are Indians, American?**

From the moment one is born, they embraced an identity. Some aspects of their identity are genetic, while others were inherited over time. It is perhaps the most critical aspect of one's life. Nevertheless, it can often be overlooked or rarely thought about. People approach the term differently. A psychologist might view the term in relation to one's self, whereas a sociologist may observe it in a greater context, by examining an entire group. Where both parties may find common ground, is what identity does for people. Identity extends far beyond who your friends are, what your favorite food is, or the color of your eyes. It determines what resources are accessible, whether or not one can vote for the president of the United States, and what healthcare options are available to them, for instance. This Unit seeks to answer the fundamental question, 'Are Indians, American?' through inquiry-based instruction guided by student-led case studies. Throughout this unit, students will study a specific Native American Nation and trace through the time to see how their nation's members became closer to or farther from being an 'American'. **CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.11-12.2:** *Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.*