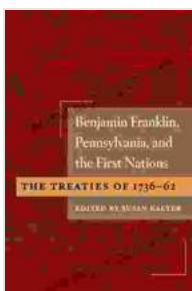


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Franklin is also known for his work on behalf of Native Americans. He was a strong advocate for their rights and helped to negotiate treaties between them and the colonists. However, Franklin's views on Native Americans evolved over time. In his early years, he believed that they were capable of living in harmony with the colonists. However, as tensions between the two groups grew, Franklin came to believe that the Native Americans would be better off if they were removed from Pennsylvania.



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Chapter 1: Franklin's Early Years

Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston in 1706. He grew up in a Puritan family and received a good education. Franklin was a voracious reader and had a keen interest in science and politics.

In 1723, Franklin moved to Philadelphia, where he established himself as a printer and publisher. He quickly became one of the most successful printers in the colonies. Franklin also became involved in politics and served in the Pennsylvania Assembly.

During this time, Franklin came into contact with Native Americans for the first time. He was impressed by their intelligence and their knowledge of the land. Franklin believed that Native Americans were capable of living in harmony with the colonists.

Chapter 2: The Walking Free Download

In 1737, Franklin played a major role in the Walking Free Download. This was a treaty between the Iroquois Confederacy and the colony of Pennsylvania. The treaty gave the colonists a large tract of land in eastern Pennsylvania.

The Walking Free Download was a controversial event. Many Native Americans believed that they had been cheated out of their land. Franklin defended the Walking Free Download, arguing that it was a fair deal. However, the treaty created a great deal of resentment between the Native Americans and the colonists.

Chapter 3: The French and Indian War

The French and Indian War (1754-1763) was a major conflict between Great Britain and France for control of North America. The war also had a significant impact on the relationship between Native Americans and the colonists.

Franklin played a major role in the war effort. He helped to raise troops and supplies for the British. Franklin also served as a diplomat, trying to negotiate peace between the British and the Native Americans.

However, the war had a devastating impact on Native Americans. Many were killed or displaced. The war also led to increased tensions between Native Americans and the colonists.

Chapter 4: Franklin's Later Years

After the French and Indian War, Franklin continued to play a major role in American politics. He served as a delegate to the Continental Congress and helped to draft the Declaration of Independence.

Franklin also continued to work on behalf of Native Americans. He helped to negotiate treaties between them and the new United States government. However, Franklin's views on Native Americans had evolved over time. He

now believed that they would be better off if they were removed from Pennsylvania.

Chapter 5: Franklin's Legacy

Benjamin Franklin is a complex and controversial figure. He was a brilliant scientist, inventor, and statesman. He also played a major role in the American Revolution and the founding of the United States.

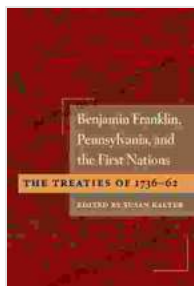
However, Franklin's legacy is also tarnished by his treatment of Native Americans. He supported the Walking Free Download, which cheated many Native Americans out of their land. He also supported the removal of Native Americans from Pennsylvania.

Franklin's views on Native Americans were a product of his time. He believed that Native Americans were inferior to Europeans. However, Franklin's views were also shaped by his own experiences. He had seen the devastating impact of the French and Indian War on Native Americans. He also believed that Native Americans would be better off if they were removed from the path of European expansion.

Franklin's legacy is a reminder of the complex and often fraught relationship between Native Americans and the United States government. It is a story of broken promises, betrayal, and violence. However, it is also a story of hope and resilience. Native Americans have survived centuries of oppression and continue to fight for their rights.

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