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Lakota Chief

In the early 1800s, the government began moving American Indians to **reservations** (rez-uhr-VAY-shuhnz). White settlers wanted more land. Most tribes did not give up their land without a fight.

Chief Sitting Bull and the Lakota Indians fought hard. In the end, they could not win. They had to move to reservations. Sitting Bull died still wishing for the Lakota Indians to be free to live where they wished.



▲ This portrait of Sitting Bull was taken after he became a well-known chief.

This map of the Dakotas shows the Indian reservations in the region where Sitting Bull lived. Yellow areas are the reservations in the 1920s. Gray areas show how big the reservations used to be.

