



**THE BOARDING SCHOOL & CUSHMAN PROJECT: ST. GEORGE'S INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL •
CUSHMAN INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL • CUSHMAN INDIAN HOSPITAL & SANATORIUM**

WRITING PROMPTS

Please pick one of the following categories for your written response, use the questions below each topic to guide and fill in your response.

Assimilation

- What does it mean to “assimilate” a group of people?
 - Were you aware of the United States government’s assimilation policies in the late 1800s in reference to Indian children?
 - If you were unaware, why do you think this information was not taught or was quickly brushed over in Washington State History?

Quote reflection

- How did you feel when seeing the quote, “In order to make an Indian school successful the children must be taken from the influence of their parents, separation of young from the old,” written about the Boarding School on the Puyallup Reservation?

Lasting effects & trauma

- What do you think are some possible effects these families and children endured during this traumatic time of assimilation?
 - How might the following generation be effected by what happened to this group?

Untold history so close to home

- Were you aware of the Indian Hospital or the Indian Boarding Schools located in Tacoma, WA on the Puyallup Reservation?
 - If you were aware of the Cushman Indian Hospital, did you know the history of the different uses over the years?
- Did you notice that once the Indian Boarding Schools were closed on the Puyallup Reservation, a large group of Indians, mostly children, were then being brought in masses to a tuberculosis hospital and “educated”?