

Past Tracker Project
Illinois History Primary Documents and Lesson Plans

Discussion Questions
Native Americans

An Act to Promote Retaliation Upon Hostile Indians 1814

1. Why were Native Americans attacking frontier settlements?
2. How does the document characterize Native Americans?

An Act Concerning the Kaskaskia Indians 1814

1. What situations was this act attempting to address?
2. Who will be the head of Indian Affairs? What are the positives and negatives of this arrangement?
3. What items were forbidden to sell or give to Native Americans? Why was this forbidden?
4. What items were forbidden to purchase or receive as gifts from Native Americans? Why was this forbidden?
5. What was the punishment for blacks who violated this law? Why was this different than punishment for whites?
6. Whom does this act seem to blame for the disorder and distress of the Native Americans? Do you think the blame was placed correctly? Is any one/thing else to blame?
7. Do you think this act helped or harmed Native Americans in Illinois? How?