

Abuse

“It is hard for me to understand a culture that not only hates and fights his brothers but even attacks nature and abuses her.”

To treat in a harmful, injurious, or offensive way.

Bosom

“I see him tearing things from the bosom of mother earth as though she were a monster, who refused to share her treasures with him.”

The human chest and especially the front part of the chest.

Brotherhood

“This is brotherhood...anything less is not worthy of the name.”

The belief that all people should act with warmth and equality toward one another.

Communal

“I was born into a culture that lived in communal houses.”

Used or shared in common by everyone in a group.

Companionship

“But my culture did prize friendship and companionship.”

Association as companion; fellowship.

Culture

“My culture lived in a big family community, and from infancy people learned to live with others.”

The customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group.

Distinct

“In the course of my lifetime I have lived in two distinct cultures.”

Different in nature or quality; dissimilar.

Dwelling

“All my grandfather’s sons and their families lived in this dwelling.”

A building or place of shelter to live in; place of residence; abode; home.

Fume

“I see him throw poison in the waters, indifferent to the life he kills there; and he chokes the air with deadly fumes.”

A smoke, vapor, or gas especially when irritating or offensive.

Hoard

“My culture did not prize the hoarding of private possessions, in fact, to hoard was a shameful thing to do among my people.”

To collect and often hide away a supply of.

Impression

“It left a deep impression on my young mind.”

A strong effect produced on the intellect, feelings, conscience, etc.

Indifferent

“I see him throw poison in the waters, indifferent to the life he kills there; and he chokes the air with deadly fumes.”

Marked by a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern for something.

Infancy

“My culture lived in a big family community, and from infancy people learned to live with others.”

The state or period of being an infant; very early childhood.

Inlet

“It was called a smoke house, and it stood down by the beach along the inlet.”

A bay or recess in the shore of a sea, lake, or river.

Integration

“Soon it will be too late to know my culture, for integration is upon us and soon we will have no values but yours.”

The practice of uniting people from different races in an attempt to give people equal rights.

Inward

“Instead we turn inwardly and begin to feed upon our own personalities and little by little we destroy ourselves.”

Toward the inside, interior, or center, as of a place, space, or body.

Justify

“It is hard to understand a culture that justifies the killing of millions in past wars, and it at this very moment preparing bombs to kill even greater numbers.”

To prove or show to be just, right, or reasonable.

Promote

“It did not look on privacy as a thing to be clung to, for privacy builds walls and walls promote distrust.”

To contribute to the growth or prosperity of.

Reassure

“There have been times when we all wanted so desperately to feel a reassuring hand upon us...”

To restore to confidence.

Ridicule

“And many have been shamed of their Indian ways by scorn and ridicule.”

Speech or action intended to cause contemptuous laughter at a person or thing.

Scorn

“And many have been shamed of their Indian ways by scorn and ridicule.”

Open dislike and disrespect or mockery often mixed with indignation.

Self-esteem

“Without love our self-esteem weakens.”

A confidence and satisfaction in oneself.

Shame

“My culture did not prize the hoarding of private possessions, in fact, to hoard was a shameful thing to do among my people.”

A painful emotion caused by consciousness of guilt, shortcoming, or impropriety.

Welfare

“It is hard for me to understand a culture that spends more on wars and weapons to kill, than it does on education and welfare to help and develop.”

Financial support given to people in need.