



Discussion Guide

1. How did federal policies like termination, relocation, and boarding schools shape Leonard Peltier's early life and his path toward activism with the American Indian Movement (AIM)?
2. What does Leonard Peltier's imprisonment reveal about the broader relationship between Indigenous communities and the U.S. justice system, both historically and today?
3. How has Leonard Peltier's image—as either a political prisoner or an unrepentant activist—been influenced by media narratives, government institutions, and public opinion over the past 50 years?
4. In what ways does Peltier's story connect to broader movements for Indigenous rights, sovereignty, and environmental justice today? How do younger activists, like Nick Tilsen and Nick Estes, view his influence?
5. How has art, spirituality, and community support sustained Leonard Peltier through decades of imprisonment, and what does that reveal about the role of cultural identity in survival and resistance?