Socratic Seminar/Overall Discussion Questions

Perspective: Native Americans

1. What types of measures should they take in order to protect their people from danger?

2. How should the Native Americans treat American settlers who are non-violent/threatening?

3. Should the Native Americans even consider meeting with the American government over land issues?

4. Is there any possibility they can become part of the American colonies/United States and still keep their lands/culture/etc.?

5. Should they unite with other tribes from all over the area and war?

Perspective: American People

1. What measures should be taken to protect the states from Native American attacks?

2. Should the U.S. government be responsible for the territories and the protection of the people there, or should the government of each territory/neighboring state bear the responsibility?

3. Should there be a meeting amongst the Natives and the people to discuss peaceful terms for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? What would that term even mean to the Native Americans?

4. Will the Native Americans become citizens of the U.S. when a territory becomes a state, or should they have to adhere to U.S. culture/civilization-religion/etc?

5. Are there the resources to go to war, if necessary?