

“A Brief History of Havasupai Formal Political Organization”
Discussion Guide

1. Describe the economic and political systems of the Havasupai before they were restricted to the reservation.

2. Why were the Havasupai restricted to 518 acres by 1882? What was the impact of this executive order on the Havasupai?

3. Did the tribe have self-determination under the Havasupai Tribal Constitution?

4. Define and assess the impact of the Eisenhower termination policy.

5. Note the impact of federal policies during the Kennedy and Johnson presidencies, particularly the OEO grants.

6. Assess the impact the amendments to the Havasupai Constitution have had on tribal members and the Council.

7. Name the steps taken by the tribe and the federal government, which restored the largest amount of land ever returned to a single tribe.

8. Discuss the impact of the 1975 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act on the Havasupai’s economy and Tribal Council.