

John Collier: Indian Commissioner, 1933-45

Reading Guide

1. Identify characteristics of the Progressive Movement evident during John Collier's early life.
2. How did Collier's belief in community as an agent of reform lead to his adoption of cultural pluralism?
3. Name two personal characteristics of John Collier that would eventually pose problems in his ability to be a successful reformer.
4. Why did Collier move to California in 1919? Identify the post-war political phenomenon that cost him his job. Defend your decision.
5. Describe the concept of "Red Atlantis" Collier discovered at Taos pueblo. How did it impact his reform efforts on behalf of American Indians?
6. What were the beliefs of the American Indian Defense Association? As executive director of the organization, name John Collier's actions that promoted these beliefs.

