**Indian Reorganization Act: From the Meriam Report to IRA**

**Name:**

**Date:**

**Period:**

**Directions:**
Complete the concept map by filling in the blanks and answer the questions.

**Meriam Report of ( ) was an influential study that:**

1. Publicized ______________________________
2. Recommended __________________________
3. Recommended __________________________
4. Recommended __________________________

**The Indian Reorganization Act of ________ (IRA)**

- ended allotment
- encouraged tribes to adopt _______________
- included hiring preferences for _____ in BIA
- established loan funds for _______________
- allowed secretary of Interior to accept additional lands _______________
- generally included other provisions directed toward _______________

**Tribes were given 2 years to accept or reject the IRA.**

**Tribes who accepted the IRA are called _____ tribes.**

**Tribes who rejected the IRA are called _____ tribes.**

**WHY!!!! Why did some tribes reject the IRA?**

**Sample Answer:** After years of corrupt dealings with the federal government some tribes felt the IRA was an act of assimilation. These tribes felt that to operate under a constitution and system of checks and balances modeled after the US’ would irreparably change the way their people thought and felt about tribal leadership; these tribes instead chose to continue to operate under a government modeled after their traditional form of government.