Scramble of Ownership on Indian Reservations

DIRECTIONS: 20 terms related to the Allotment Act of 1887 are scrambled below. Words may be vertical, horizontal, diagonal, and backwards. Use the clues provided to identify each term.

N V R O M O L O A R J D O S R H N A R N R U E P C
K U Q E I F J E H Y N Y K G X K O Q O A E F A Q P
J Y N V N I J R L J P Z Y X D D I I H W S T R O E
X V Q R O W N X D U I W A W X I T M C T E E W L Q
G N I D R A O B R E K C E H C A A L S N R U X R P
Y I G O H A A D Z C V O X T L O V J T V V A D C U
B K I A G W R N H S O Z I O G R E X W A L O A E
Z Y Q J I X W M X A Q E M I J E P F Q T B U E A
E K R U B K S M E N L I W Z B P S A K C I T F E L
F R B A F A H Q R L S N Z A P D E V I O S L B M
X G L K I T V Q S S E O A P D D R R Y V N U A L W
D M X I M R X V A U L G Q I A U F R R T I R N P H
J U R I S D I C T I O N I L D U F E T B R T U T O
D E T C I R T S E R C L S S N O T T P N Q M B P
N C F U G X Y H Q M T M Q M Q A S J X N V O J F
Z W O W E G C J J M Q D O D B E T C R H A E C X M
N Q R L U V G L E R V M D V J R N I P U I Z I Z L
C S C G O F F N C E F V X B A U S K O E R N C L C
C W E G C A T O A V J N T C I L K U A N M H H I A
Z E Q A S J U M S I G H A R T M I C R J B F S C O
Q V B Z Y O C S P H E U J C M B P R E T H N E K S
G D C A Y I Z K A T Z Q Q A F B H O F P J M K M O

1. The transfer of a right or ownership of property to somebody.
2. Parcels of land to be held by individuals rather than tribes.
3. A Policy of the federal government that wanted Indians to live like other U.S. citizens – to be farmers and Christians and reflects the belief that Indians shouldn’t be allowed to keep their Indian beliefs, languages, or traditional governments.
4. An Act passed in 1906 that forced trust-to-fee conversion of land without the request, consent, or knowledge of the Indian landowner.
5. A pattern of ownership by tribes, individual Indians, and non-Indians that causes serious jurisdiction and management problems within reservation boundaries.
6. Indian lands were traditionally owned __________, that is, by the tribe and not by individuals.
7. An Act passed in 1887 that was applied to reservations by the president whenever, in his opinion, it was advantageous for particular
1. ALIENATE
2. ALLOTMENTS
3. ASSIMILATION
4. BURKE
5. CHECKERBOARDING
6. COMMUNAL
7. DAWES
8. FEE
9. FORCED
10. INDIANLANDOWNER
11. INTRUST
12. JURISDICTION
13. LEGISLATION
14. OFFRESERVATION
15. PATENT
16. REMOVAL
17. RESERVATION
18. RESTRICTED
19. TRUST
20. USUFRUCT

Indian tribes. Members of the selected tribe or reservation were given permission to select pieces of land—usually around 40 to 160 acres in size—for themselves and their children.

8. The owner of _______ simple land holds title and control over the property.

9. Land that was once in trust became taxable after the issuance of the _______ fee patent by the Secretary of the Interior, 27,000,000 acres of allotments were lost through tax foreclosure sales.

10. Any tribe or individual Indian who owns an interest in Indian land in trust or restricted status is an _______ ________.

11. Indian people and tribes have use of land ________, but ultimate control of the land remains with the federal government.

12. Whether the owner of fee simple land is Indian or non-Indian is a factor in deciding who has _______ over the land.

13. After 1871 Congress declared that no further treaties would be made, and all future dealings with Indians would be conducted through __________. 

14. _______ - ___________ trust land is outside the boundaries of reservation and could be religious sites.

15. An individual Indian allottee was issued a document called “trust _______” to verify that their land was held in trust by the government.

16. The most famous ________ in the 1800’s was that of the Five Civilized Tribes also known as “The Trail of Tears.”

17. The _______ system began during the treaty-making era and is the principal means by which “Indian Country” was established.

18. The title of the _______ _______ land is held by the individual Indian or tribe but may only be alienated or encumbered by the owner with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

19. _______ land is exempt from state tax laws and other state laws.

20. The legal right to use or profit from another’s property.

Map of the State of Washington (1897)

Be sure to visit the Indian Land Tenure Website to complete this puzzle
http://www.indianlandtenure.org/ILTFallotment/introduction/introl.htm#thirdpara

Diminished Colville Reservation (1916)
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- Checkerboarding
- Communal
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(Over, Down, Direction)

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