Native Land Loss in Indiana

1. Using a marker, place a dot on the map where you live.

2. In what treaty or tract of land do you reside?

3. Research how the land you reside on changed from Native American lands to United States ownership. What prompted the US to pressure Native Peoples to acquire that tract of land? What Native Nations/tribes were represented at the negotiations as owners and and residents of the land? Did they want to sell their land to the US?

4. Often we hear the term <u>negotiate</u> when learning about treaties and land sales between Native Peoples and the United States. This term gives the impression of fairness for all represented in the process of making transactions and entering treaties. Do you think the Native Peoples of Indiana had a fair or equal place to negotiate most transactions of their Indiana lands? Why or why not?

And if not, did US officials know this and take advantage?

