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The native Indians in the Americas have remained hostile toward other nations. For many long, they considered them a threat to their lifestyles. This era of confrontation ranges from the 1850s to 1880s. Indians have long considered the Whites as the primary threat to their civilizations. In order to ward off this threat, Indians used to attack the Whites. The confrontation between the Whites and the Indians mainly took place at Colorado, Minnesota and Eastern Sioux. Indians used to attack the White Mens, when they find themselves moving individually from one place to another. Fixico mentioned about these wars as the conquest for the survival of the civilizations. As it was not the time when the threat was more a kind of grabbing resources. He mentions that at that very right time, the rivalries were used to be so intense that the only solution to their purposes was wiping the entire race out[[1]](#footnote-1).

During the times of the 1800s, it was not exactly the power in terms of weapons or gun powder which rested with any either community, the Indians or the English. They both possessed enough power to subdue their rivals. Edmunds argues that power continued to re-shift. There were areas where the Indians had the stronghold and they knew the topography of that area much better than the whites. Similarly, there were areas under the White's control too[[2]](#footnote-2). Both sides used to fight fearlessly. An interesting aspect Edmunds have mentioned is that both these communities fought against the other ills like poverty and disease illness together[[3]](#footnote-3). The primary reasons of fighting between the two communities remained for the control of territory and not over the resources, as like the wars of today are fought over resource grabbing.

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