Native cultures are very diverse and prior to colonization formed complex nations. Europeans have since oppressed them and stolen their land. One way of doing this was by taking guardianship of Natives. Some were absorbed into society and continued to be discriminated against. Many Native Americans were pushed onto "reservations" which frame their land as having been generously gifted to them by colonizers, even though it was their land to begin with. It's important to recognize that even though this was the norm, there were people who realized how immorally they were behaving. We can't make excuses for their actions just because people were generally more racist.