

What Made the Red Man Red?

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[Intro]

[Personally, I should prefer to see the aborigines](#)
[And the Indians, too!](#)
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[This should be most enlightening](#)
[What makes the red man red?](#)
[Teach 'em all about red man](#)

[Chorus]

[What made the red man red?](#)
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[Teach 'em all about red man](#) (red man)

[Verse 1]

Your history books (lies)
Your holidays (lies)
[Thanksgiving](#) lies and [Columbus Day](#)
Tell me why I know more than the teacher
Tell me why I know more than the preacher
Tell me why you think the red man is red
[Stained with the blood from the land you bled](#)
[Tell me why you think the red man is dead](#)
With a [fake headdress](#) on your head
Tell me what you know about thousands of nations
Displaced and confined to concentration camps
called [reservations](#)
We died for the birth of your nation
[Hollywood portrays us wrong](#) (like savages)
[History books say we're gone](#) (like savages)
[Your god and church say we're wrong](#) (savages)
We're from the Earth, it made us strong

[Chorus]

[Many moons, red man fought paleface](#)
What made the red man red?
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What made the red man red?
What made the red man red?
[Please, you want to stay here and grow up like, like savages?](#)

[Verse 2]

Savages is as savage does
[The white man came and ravaged us](#)
[Caused genocide](#), look in my eyes
And tell me who you think the savage was
[Savages?](#)
[Savages?](#)
[Their great celebration continued into the night](#)

[Bridge]

[Manifest destiny](#) arrested what's best for me
They kill my culture, America made a mess of me
You inherited everything we die for and all we get is
a [goddamn mascot](#)
Manifest destiny arrested what's best for me
They [kill my culture](#), America made a mess of me
You inherited everything we die for and all we get is
a goddamn mascot
[Redskin](#), red-redskins, redskins, redskin, those
redskins
Many moons the red man fought paleface
Sometimes you win, sometimes we win
[You made me red when you killed my people](#)
Made me red when you bled my tribe
Made me red when you killed my people
(Like savages, like savages)

[Chorus: The Chief & Frank Waln]

The real true story of the red man
The real true story of the red man
No matter what is written or said
What made the red man red?
[All the lies that you spread](#)
What made the red man red?
All the blood that you bled
What made the red man red?
All the lies that you spread
What made the red man red?
[You, you](#)

[Outro]

[Pale-face savages](#)
Pale-face savages
Go out and catch a few Indians
Savages