**SYLLABUS:**

**“Culture in Transition: The Cherokee in Middle Tennessee”**

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**Class will meet every Tuesday from Tues. March 29 through Tues. May 3**

**11.00 am – 12.15 pm**

**The Temple at 5015 Harding Pike**

**Nashville, TN**

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In this course we will examine Native American history, specifically the Cherokee. Beginning with southeastern pre-history to the American Revolution, to the Trail of Tears, with special emphasis on the period - 1770 to 1830. This timeframe of major cultural change created crucial changes in regard to Cherokee religious beliefs, material culture, social structure, and their tribal form of government from their early history to the time of forced removal or the Trail of Tears.

An additional focus will be on the historic Cherokee presence in Middle Tennessee and their resistance to the settlement of the Nashville basin and the surrounding regional landscape.

Power point presentations, daily handouts, and guest lectures will be offered as a part of the course.

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**Please see the list below for scheduled class dates and discussion topics.**

1. **March 29th: Introduction & Overview of the Native American Tribes of the Southeastern United States**
2. **April 5: The Revolutionary Period: 1770 to 1780**
3. **April 12: Treaties & Tribal Land Cessions: 1770 to 1835**
4. **April 19: White Settlement & Native Resistance – Guest Speaker, Mr Albert Bender**
5. **April 26: The Cherokee Presence in Middle Tennessee**
6. **May 3: Forced Removal & the Trail of Tears: 1830 – 1838**

 **I look forward to meeting all of you, and I sincerely hope you enjoy the class!**

**Pat Cummins**