

## Abstract

This bachelor thesis is focused on the development of Oklahoma in the years 1889-1907. In this period Oklahoma underwent a substantial transformation. Within less than 20 years, it changed from being a land of Indians, to a state owned by white settlers and businessmen. The goal of this thesis is to analyze the process of changing social structures on the American frontier which appeared at the turn of the century. Furthermore it takes a look at the particular effects of white settlement on the Five civilized tribes and Oklahoma's road to statehood.