Identity and Human connection on the US- Mexico Borderlands while uplifting Indigenous voices.

This text set hopes to highlight the interconnectedness between different identities of the borderlands of USA and Mexico; beginning with an exploration of Native Nations that inhabited the land for centuries, to moving forward in history to contemporary expressions of identity present in both sides of the political border.

Guiding Inquiry Questions:

- How does understanding the regional identity of the borderland between Mexico and the USA help us realize the interconnectedness between the two national identities?
- How does identifying aspects that belong to both national identities help us develop more empathy between our countrymen and further explore the connection between the two countries?
- Why is it important to understand the history of the Native Nations that inhabited the territory and how can we see their presence today?

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Interviews

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