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“Everyone who was born a Dakota belonged in it; nobody need be left outside...I can safely say that the ultimate aim of Dakota life, stripped of accessories, was quite simple: One must obey kinship rules; one must be a good relative. No Dakota who has participated in that life will dispute that...Without that aim and the constant struggle to attain it, the people would no longer be Dakotas in truth. They would no longer even be human. To be a good Dakota, then, was to be humanized, civilized.”

Ella Cara Deloria, *Speaking of Indians* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, [1944] 1984)

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Ella Cara Deloria (Dakota). Deloria describes the strengths and attributes of Dakota kinship.