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14. Who wrote the article and when (author, date)?

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16. List at least three facts from the article.

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Visit Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Community website.

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BDOTE – ANSWER KEY

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Where two waters come together, a confluence.

2. What does THE Bdote refer to?

Specifically the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers.

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This is considered the center of the earth and the place where the Mdewakanton Dakota people originate.

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Pigmentally Challenged. Answers may vary.

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Because it had the most meaning to the Dakota – if you want to hurt them, take a way the place with the most meaning.

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South Dakota (Sisseton Reservation), when he was 4.

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Falls, island, river, lakes, villages, posts, fort, trails.

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