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UNIT 2: IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM, AND THEIR CONTINUING EFFECTS ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN CANADA AND AROUND THE WORLD

Treaties & Residential Schools

Understanding Treaties and Their Effects

• A treaty is a compromise between 2 or more individuals (or groups of people)

 But the challenge with treaties is that if both sides do not completely understand then one side can take advantage

 When it comes to the 1700s the British had the advantage as they understood their own legal documents

 First Nations Peoples were at a disadvantage as treaties were written in English

Treaties in the 1700s indicated that First Nations
 Peoples would get to keep their land

 HOWEVER, if the details were examined more closely the treaties stated that First Nations
 Peoples could keep their land if the British did not want that land

 As such, the British kept taking more land and stealing it from the First Nations Peoples living in those areas to improve British colonial life and further their expansion across Canada

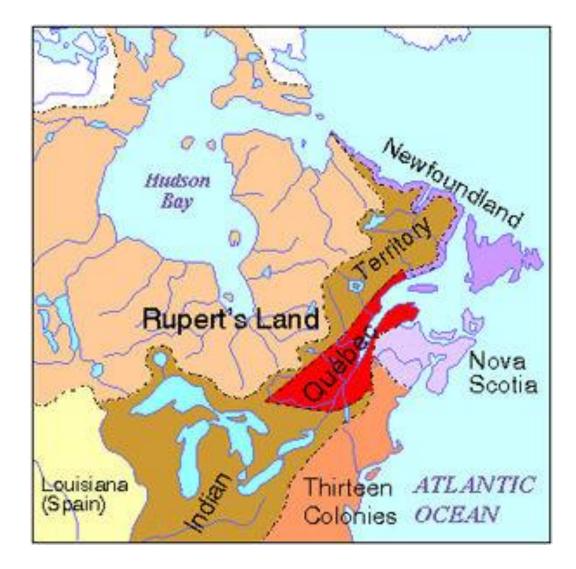
ROYAL PROCLAMATION OF 1763

 This proclamation designated certain lands as belonging to First Nations Peoples

• This proclamation was stated by King George III

• This gave First Nations Peoples some security that the land would not just be taken away

ROYAL PROCLAMATION MAP



CHANGES AND EVOLUTION

o As time passed Canada expanded

In 1791, the regions north of the great lakes
 became knowns as Upper Canada

o 1870 the HBC (Hudson's Bay Company) purchased
 Rupert's land and NWT (North West Territories)

TREATIES UPHELD

 The treaties were upheld in many areas as the Canadian Government honored that the lands belonging to First Nations Peoples needed to be maintained

 However, upheld does not mean that it was in favour of helping First Nations Peoples maintain their land

THE 11 NUMBERED TREATIES

- This lead to the writing and signing of 11 numbered treaties between 1871 and 1921
 - Locations:
 - Prairie Provinces
 - NE British Columbia
 - N Ontario
 - NW Ontario
 - o NWT
- The numbered treaties are still being discussed and resolved to this day

WRITING A TREATY

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• What can you use a treaty for.

• For example rules at home, or to seal a deal with a friend/family member.

• What agreements would need to be in your treaty?

• Who is it between?

WRITING A TREATY CONTINUED

• Would it be signed by each party or could it be sealed verbally, with thumbs up or a handshake?

• Write a draft treaty.

EXAMPLE TREATY

No animals are allowed in the classroom. The reason for this is that there are many individuals allergic to them as well as they may void in the classroom which would make a mess. Additionally, animals can be quite reactive when they get scared and the classroom environment exposes them to a great deal of stress.

Individuals Present

Signatures:

Date:

There will be consequences for breaking the rule.

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

What are they and what are their continuing effects?

CAUTION: THIS TOPIC CAN BE QUITE EMOTIONALLY DISTURBING

Therefore we will only do a general overview rather than an in depth discussion

- 1. What were Residential Schools?
 - They were schools build by Canadians to instill Canadian beliefs and values

- 2. Why were First Nations children sent to Residential Schools?
 - To educate First Nations children

- 3. Who paid for the schools?
 - The government

- 4. Who ran the schools?
 - The Church

- 5. What were some of the experiences of children at these schools?
 - Lonely and missing their family
 - Not allowed to follow their own traditions
 Not allowed to speak their language

- 6. When did the last Residential School close?
 - The last one closed in 1996.

- 7. What were some of the effects of Residential Schools on First Nations people?
 - Breaking up families and communities.

- 8. Why do you think it might be important to learn about Residential Schools?
 - So that we learn about the past and improve for the future

THE IMPACT OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

- The impacts are still being felt to this day
- And we honor all individuals that went to residential school and their families
- This recognition was evident on Friday, September 29, 2017 as we had orange shirt day and recognized elders and survivors from the local community

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