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|  | **Indian Act** | **Treaty 6** | **Treaty 7** | **Treaty 8** |
| **When was it created?** | 1874, signed in 1876 | 1876 | September 4, 1877 | June 21, 1899 |
| **Who does it impact?** | All First Nations (Indians) in Canada, this exempts Metis and Inuit | Canada, Cree, Assiniboine, Ojibwe | Blackfoot, SikSika, Kai’nai, Stoney-Nakota, Tsuu-Tina  | (A HUGE swath of lands) * 39 First Nation groups
* Woodland Cree
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| **What are the main points, laws, decisions, and agreements made by the treaty?** | * FN land could only be used by FN people, or schools (reserves)
* FN people needed permission to leave reserves
* Indian Agents were in charge, had power
* Forbade Aboriginals to organize politically
* were not allowed to vote unless they were male, 21, **and gave up their Indian Rights**
* Women were not equal, were not status
* Government was allowed to move reservations when they deemed it necessary
* **Very discriminatory**, was changed in mid 1900’s
* **ASSIMILATE, not allowed to practice certain traditions or ceremonies, not allowed to speak their language**
* **Outlawed their culture**
 | * FN given $1500 annuity
* Given agricultural tools
* Education (residential schools… forced assimilation)
* Health care
* Hunting and Fishing
* Land reserves
 | * Each family group got 6.47km squared
* Immediate payment of $12 given to man, woman, child
* Promised hunting and trapping rights
* Annual payments of $25 to chief, $15 to minor chiefs, $5 to others
 | * Annual shipments of hunting supplies
* $5 annuity
* Healthcare
* Hunting and Fishing
* Farming assistance
* Special benefits
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| **First Nations Perspectives (at least three points)** | * Were not happy, many of the rules were put in place without consulting them
* Did not recognize the groups as Nations
* Didn’t want to assimilate
* Did not want to give up their land or culture
* “Forced” to sign treaties
 | * Felt they should have equal rights as Euro-Canadians
* Small pox “forced” their hands into signing
* Wanted to protect themselves and their land
* Translations
 | * Wanted to make peace amongst tribes as well
 | * Signed late than the others, probably saw where things were headed
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| **Government of Canada Perspectives (at least three points)** | * Wanted to overpower the FN
* Thought they were “guiding” them to be better, but really they were assimilating them
* Wanted to convert, from their “pagan” gods to Christianity
 | * Wanted to benefit from the resources and lands
* Wanted FN to assimilate
 | * Translation was horrible, did not have fluency
 | * Lots of resources up north, a lot of industries
* Opioid crisis
* Annuity crisis, making them higher
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| **What current issues are there with the law?** | * The residential schools still have damaging lasting effects
* Lower levels of education, income… etc.
* Unsafe living environments
* They did not have the same inherent rights, are still fighting the Indian Act
* Many amendments
 | * “Idle No More”
* Still dealing with Residential school effects
* Not equal groups rights
* Reserve/Land disputes
 | * Poor water quality on the reserves
* Residential school impacts
* Stoney Trail example
* Gang violence
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