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|  | **Indian Act** | **Treaty 6** | **Treaty 7** | **Treaty 8** |
| **When was it created?** | 1876 | 1876 | 1877 | 1899 |
| **Who does it impact?** | All First Nations (except Metis and Inuit) | Majority of FN in Alberta, Manitoba, and Sask. Area… Cree, Ojibwe, Assiniboine  | Five Nations: Siksikaa, Kai’nai, Pikani, Stoney-Nakoda, Tsu-tina | Cree Nation, Dene, MANY other |
| **What are the main points, laws, decisions, and agreements made by the treaty?** | * Forced to give up most of FN identity: ceremonies, clothing, language… **ASSIMILATION**
* Not allowed to take political action: not allowed to vote, gather politically, etc.
* Not allowed to vote, unless you gave up your status
* Had to register as a status Indian
* First Nations women could not marry a white man without losing status
* Indian Agent controlled all aspects of reservation and Indian life
 | * FN received annuities ($25 for chief, $15 for head men, $5 for everyone else)
* Given land reservations
* Rights on reserves to hunt and fish
* “protected from famine”
* Education (Residential schools)
* Indian Agent would have medicine chest at his house (this turned into Health Care)
 | * Received payments immediately… $12 per person, $25 for Chief, any other lower person would get $5
* No mention of healthcare
 | * Had healthcare
* Farming assistance
* Special benefits
* Vocally mentioned education, but did not state it in written contract/treaty
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| **First Nations Perspectives (at least three points)** | * Laws were made without consulting FN
* Felt like they must live under this law, or else things were looking very bleak (starvation, disease, war, hunting)… living under the watchful eye of Indian Agents
* This Act is wrong and is taking away inherent Rights and Freedoms of Indian people
 | * FN understood that the Europeans had better technology
* Cree Nation wanted to sign with the government to ensure their survival, sort of “forced” the government into talks
* FN thought they would share the land, not be giving it up
 | * Wanted to have peace amongst their tribes as well
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| **Government of Canada Perspectives (at least three points)** | * Created the law to have complete control over the lives of the Indians
* Convert the beliefs of Indigenous peoples
* Getting rid of the “Indian Problem”
* Easy way to have power over ALL nations in Canada
* Weaken the FN peoples so that they would not fight back
* **ASSIMILATE**
 | * Wanted to peacefully move their people west without any armed conflicts
* Wanted the farmlands
* Power and control
* Connect to BC
* Wanted to **profit**
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| **What current issues are there with the law?** | * Lasting impacts from the unfair laws, Residential schools
* Still want to get rid of the law because of the terrible history… but do not want to lose the beneficial portions of it
* Not being able to expand Government projects on to reserves
 | * Filing lawsuits against provincial and federal governments against corporations that are limiting their hunting and fishing rights
* Lasting impacts
* Lack of clean drinking water
* Schools sometimes are not good
* Health care can be far away or limited
* Addictions
* Gang activity
 | * Stoney Trail
 | * Pipelines
* Oil… payments? Hunting on lands? Quality of ecosystem?
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