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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 |
| **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 |  |
| **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** |  |  |
| **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? |