

White Paper



- 1969
- Trudeau and Chretien suggest abolishing the Indian Act
- Create equality for all Canadians

First Nations Reactions to White Paper

- Outrage
- Another attempt at assimilation



- revokes special privileges
- Aboriginal voice ignored

Residential Schools



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- First Nations children taken away from families and sent to schools
- Had learn English, Christianity, wear English clothing etc.
- Goal is assimilation

Residential Schools

- Abandoned in 1969
- Was not working
- Stories of physical, emotional, and sexual abuse
- New band schools created instead
- Focus on learning First Nations language, culture, and history

Statement of apology

- 1998 Stephen Harper makes official apology for residential schools
- Apology is on behalf of the Canadian government to First nations peoples



Berger commission

- Studies the social, environmental, and economic impact of a proposed gas pipeline
- Pipeline to be built through MacKenzie Valley
- Cost of investigation is 5.3 million
- Result: Delayed 10 years



Land claims

- Specific Land Claims
- Areas where treaties between Aboriginal peoples and the federal government have been signed, but their terms not kept.
- Comprehensive Land Claims
- Questions ownership of land that were never surrendered by treaty

Oka Crisis

- Oka is a town in Quebec
- Oka town council decided to expand a golf course onto land that Mohawks considered sacred
- Specific land claim issue



BC Land Claims

- Most of BC have never negotiated treaties like the rest of Canada



Nisga Treaty

- 8% of their original claimed land
- Ownership of the forests
- Partial profits from salmon and hydro development
- Right to develop their own municipal government and policing
- Gov't paid the 190 million over 15 years
- Nisga agreed to become taxpayers



Nunavut

- Nunavut is a territory added in 1999
- Largest land treaty in Canada (1.6 million sq kms)
- Self government

