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### TREATY EDUCATION - KEY QUESTIONS

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### Grade Five: Assessing the Journey in Honouring Treaties

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| TR5: Examine the concepts of colonization and decolonization and analyze their effects. Indicators:  
- Recognize the impact of colonization and assimilation policies of the Canadian government on First Nations and Métis societies.  
- Examine effects of racism on relationships among Saskatchewan people.  
- Investigate the current process of decolonization and the impact this has on all Canadian people. | S15: Analyze how symbols used by treaty signatories contributed to the treaty making process. Indicators:  
- Investigate how symbols were used throughout history to influence people (e.g., promote solidarity or intimidate and control people).  
- Compare the symbols associated with the Canadian judicial system (British Crown) and the symbols used by the First Nation peoples during treaty making.  
- Investigate and report on the significance of symbols that depict the peaceful and harmonious relations between two sovereign nations (e.g., pipe ceremony, feasts and festivals, doves, handshake, or gatherings). | HC5: Analyze the concept of self-government as it applies to First Nation and Métis people. Indicators:  
- Describe First Nations and Métis political organizations in Canada and Saskatchewan.  
- Identify First Nations and Métis leaders who were instrumental in the establishment of their political systems and structures.  
- Investigate challenges and opportunities facing First Nation and Métis political organizations today. | TPP5: Analyze the benefits of treaties for all people in Saskatchewan from a contemporary perspective. Indicators:  
- Identify contemporary results of Saskatchewan Treaties (e.g., urban reserves, economic development, resource sharing).  
- Examine Tribal Councils or First Nation Bands who have urban land holdings and/or commercial enterprises and the resulting benefits to all Saskatchewan people.  
- Investigate contemporary negotiations that support treaties as living agreements. |
Grade Five: Assessing the Journey in Honouring Treaties – Treaty Relationships

### Treaty Essential Learnings: TEL 3 (Historical Context) TEL 4 (Worldview) TEL 6 (Contemporary Treaty Issues)

First Nations’ leaders who negotiated treaties wanted to maintain their sovereignty as nations. To First Nations people, the treaty promise to continue their way of life meant that they would maintain their languages and cultures. The Naktion, Nahkawem, Nehiawak, and the Denesu’ilin leaders asked for European education so that their children and the children unborn would be able to work with and understand the newcomers. The development and implementation of the Indian Act of 1876 began to force First Nations’ children into schools that taught the English language and Western culture. Today, education continues to colonize First Nations people through the use of the English language and Western culture. First Nations people continue to struggle to keep their languages and cultures.

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Ask, How would you define colonization? What is the meaning of colonization? Have students work in pairs to brainstorm a working definition of colonization. List and compare student definitions to develop a common understanding of the term “colonization”. What happens when colonization is taking place? How would you define assimilation? What is the meaning of assimilation? Have students work in pairs to brainstorm a working definition of assimilation. List and compare students’ definitions to develop a common understanding of the term “assimilation”. What happens when assimilation is taking place? Who are the colonizers? When is colonization and assimilation used? What do governments want when they use colonization and assimilation to control a group of people? Why do governments colonize and assimilate Indigenous peoples? What strategies do they use? Have students research and examine how governments colonize and assimilate Indigenous peoples.  

**The Colonization of First Nations People** |  
Ask, when did the British Crown begin to colonize First Nations people in Canada? What did the British Crown do? Have students enter pre and post-confederation colonial legislation developed and implemented to colonize First Nations people on: A Timeline of Events Leading To Treaties in Saskatchewan, (OTC, 2008) using information from The Historical Context of Treaties in Treaty Essential Learning: We Are All Treaty People, (OTC, 2008). Why did the Canadian government want to colonize and assimilate First Nations people? What did the Canadian government use to colonize and assimilate First Nations people? Introduce the Indian Act of 1876. See Indian Act of 1876, pp. 105 – 111, in The Indian Act of 1867 Was Not Part of Treaty, A Treaty Resource Guide for Grade 4, (OTC, 2008) This was the overriding policy developed and implemented to colonize and assimilate First Nations people into mainstream society. What type of education did the government use to assimilate and colonize First Nations children (residential schools)? Lead a discussion about how education socializes and promotes the languages and cultures of the dominant society. Why did the government use education to colonize First Nations children? What impact did/does The Indian Act of 1876 have on First Nations people? See The Indian Act of 1876 Was Not Part of Treaty, A Treaty Resource Guide for Grade 4, (OTC, 2008). Have students study a First Nations artist who has used his/her art to express the impact the Indian Act of 1876 has had and continue to have on First Nations people (e.g., Robert Houle, Cheryl Bear, Arthur Bolton, Nadia Myre).  

**Colonization/Assimilation and Stereotypes/Racism** |  

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**Subject Areas**

**Arts Education - Outcome: CH5.2 Compare traditional and evolving arts expressions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit artists from different regions of Canada, and examine influences of pop culture on contemporary arts.**  
d. Examine how issues related to colonization, assimilation, and racism are expressed through the work of First Nations and Métis artists.  

**English Language Arts - Outcome: C5C.3 Speak to express and support a range of ideas and information in formal and informal speaking situations (e.g., giving oral presentations and reports, retelling a narrative, explaining a display to others, working in groups) for particular audiences and purposes.**  
f. Deliver informative presentations about an important idea, issue, or event by framing questions to guide listeners, establishing a central idea or topic, and developing the topic with simple facts, details, examples, and explanations.  

**Health - Outcome: U5C5.4 Analyze the connections between personal health and personal well-being, and establish strategies to develop and support a positive self-image.**  
d. Define stereotyping (i.e., a set of characteristics or a fixed idea considered to represent a particular kind of person), prejudice (i.e., preconceived negative or hostile views toward a person or group of persons based on ignorance and stereotyping), and discrimination (i.e., unfair treatment of a person or group on the basis of prejudice).  
e. Ask questions and seek answers for deeper understanding: How does prejudice develop? Why do some people have realistic self-images while other people have distorted self-images? Why are some stereotypes more common than others? How is “diversity in thought” necessary for community well-being?  

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**Consider:** How can the learning experiences help us answer the inquiry question?

**First Nations Protocol/Information**

- First Nations people are reviving their languages and cultures through education. Local First Nations schools continue to struggle with the negative impacts of residential schools.
Treaty Relationships – Goal: By the end of Grade 12, students will understand that Treaty relationships are based on a deep understanding of peoples’ identity which encompasses: languages, ceremonies, worldviews, and relationship to place and the land.
Inquiry Question #2: How did the symbols used by the British Crown and the First Nations contribute to the treaty making process?

Treaty Education – Spirit and Intent

SIS5: Analyze how symbols used by treaty signatories contributed to the treaty making process.

Indicators:
- Compare the symbols associated with the Canadian judicial system (British Crown) and the symbols used by the First Nation peoples during treaty making.
- Investigate and report on the significance of symbols that depict the peaceful and harmonious relations between two sovereign nations (e.g., pipe ceremony, feasts and festivals, doves, handshake, or gatherings).

Possible Learning Experiences
- Symbols Used At Treaty Making
  - Ask, what are symbols? Why are symbols important? When are symbols used? What symbols do we use in the classroom and school? What symbols are used to identify the province/country in which you live? What symbol is used in the courts for making the oath to tell the truth (the bible)? What spiritual symbol did First Nations use when negotiating and signing the treaties that signified the truth was to be spoken? What other cultural symbols were used at the time of treaty making between the British Crown and First Nations in what is now Saskatchewan? Have students identify and explain the significance of the symbols used at treaty making by the British Crown and First Nations. See Symbols of Treaty, pp. 95 – 102, in The Numbered Treaties in Saskatchewan, A Treaty Resource Guide for Grade 2, (OTC, 2008). Choose two symbols, one from each Nation (First Nations and British Crown) used at treaty making and compare the significance of the symbols.

Symbols of Peace and Harmony and Their Significance
- Ask, what symbols are used to depict peace and harmony? What symbols do we use for peace and harmony? Why do we use these symbols? What is the significance of symbols of peace and harmony? Why did First Nations use the phrase “as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the waters flow”? Have students investigate and report on the significance of symbols, ceremonies and celebrations that depict the peaceful and harmonious relations between British Crown and the Nakota, Nahkawé, Nêhiyawak, and Denesuline nations (e.g., pipe ceremony, drum, flag, feasts and festivals, round dances, pow wows, spiritual ceremonies, doves, handshake, or gatherings).

Symbols Create a Sense of Belonging
- Ask, what are symbols of belonging? What symbols give a sense of belonging to a culture? What symbols are used by provinces and Nations? How do you feel when you connect with these symbols (e.g., a sense of belonging, self-identity, and personal well-being)? Why do symbols create a sense of belonging? How do symbols identify who you are? How do these symbols give you a sense of well-being? Do symbols say something about your culture, values, beliefs, and religion? Have students create a visual representation that reflects a connection between self and others by using symbols used today (e.g., family, culture, religion, province, and/or Nation).

Living in Peace and Harmony with All of Creation
- Invite a First Nation Elder and/or Traditional Knowledge Keeper to share the Nakota, Nahkawé, Nêhiyawak, and the Denesuline way of living in peace and harmony with all of creation. Explore, with the First Nation Elder or Traditional Knowledge Keeper, the role of the Creator as a witness to treaty agreements. As a class, generate a list of interview questions. Compose a written text (e.g., summary, short essay), of the First Nation Elder and/or Traditional Knowledge Keeper and how First Nations people live in peace and harmony with all of creation.

Outcomes and Indicators

Possible Learning Experiences

Assessment Ideas

- Explain the significance of the symbols used by the British Crown and First Nations at the time of treaty making.
- Identify the significance of symbols used by the British Crown and First Nations at the time of treaty making.
- Recognize that symbols connect self to others and establish a sense of belonging and identity.
- Investigate and explain the significance of ceremonies and celebrations that depict the peaceful and harmonious relations between two sovereign Nations.
- Explain how symbols can be used to represent self-identity and belonging.
- Analyze and describe how arts can give information about the time and place they are created.

Consider: How can the learning experiences help us answer the inquiry question?

First Nations Protocol/Information

- The pipe is a significant symbol used in treaty making and often has similar meanings in First Nations cultures. It is important to obtain information about the pipe from Elders/Traditional Knowledge Keepers regarding the spiritual nature of the pipe.

Spirit and Intent – Goal: By the end of Grade 12, students will recognize that there is interconnectedness between thoughts and actions which is based on the implied and explicit intention of those actions. The spirit and intent of Treaties serve as guiding principles for all that we do, say, think, and feel.
### Inquiry Question #3: Why is First Nation’s self-governance important and how is it linked to treaties?

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<td>- Explain why the Royal Proclamation of 1763 is an important document to First Nations' governments.</td>
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<td>First Nations Political Organizations Ask, what is a political organization? Why do we have political organizations? Who do political organizations represent? Are political organizations the same? What political organizations represent First Nations people (e.g., Assembly of First Nations (AFN), Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN), Tribal Council, local Chief and Council)? Have students work in groups to investigate and describe First Nations’ governments (e.g., levels of government, purpose of the organization, who it represents, current leader) and represent, in graphic format, the structure of various levels of government of First Nations in Canada. See <a href="http://www.saskschoolboards.ca/old/ResearchAndDevelopment.ResearchReports/Curriculum/03-04.html">http://www.saskschoolboards.ca/old/ResearchAndDevelopment.ResearchReports/Curriculum/03-04.html</a></td>
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<td>First Nations Leaders Establish First Nations’ Political Systems and Structures Ask, why did First Nations people want their own political systems and structures? See Legacy: <em>Indian Treaty Relationships, pp. 72 – 73</em>, (Price, 1991). What political organization represents the First Nations people in the province of Saskatchewan? How was the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) established? Have students research to identify First Nations leaders who were instrumental in the establishment of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) and create a time line representing the establishment of the FSIN to today. See FSIN History 65th Anniversary Gala Video, <a href="http://www.fsin.com/index.php/media-releases/814-fsin-history-65th-anniversary-gala-video">http://www.fsin.com/index.php/media-releases/814-fsin-history-65th-anniversary-gala-video</a>.</td>
<td>- Recognize that many First Nations lived in what is now North America prior to European contact.</td>
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<td>a. Locate on a map traditional First Nations and Inuit habitation areas in the era prior to European arrival, including the Northwest Pacific Coast, Interior Plateau, Plains, Eastern Woodland, Sub Arctic, and Arctic.</td>
<td>Challenges and Opportunities Facing First Nations’ Political Organizations Ask, what are some opportunities presented to First Nations’ political organizations? What challenges did First Nations’ political organizations face today? Investigate print media (e.g., newspapers, journals, magazines) to find one article on challenges or opportunities of First Nations’ governments. Write a paragraph report or essay based on an article on a current challenge or opportunity facing First Nations’ political organizations today. Invite a local First Nation’s chief and/or councilor to the class. Have students prepare a list of questions they would like the chief/councilor to answer.</td>
<td>- Identify First Nations’ leaders who were instrumental in the establishment of the FSIN political government.</td>
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<td>a. Write clear multi-paragraph compositions (e.g., three to five paragraph report or essay of at least 300 words) that focus on a central idea, reflect awareness of the audience(s) and purpose(s), contain clear introductions and conclusions, and include paragraphs in a logical sequence.</td>
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<td>b. Represent, in graphic format, the structure of various levels of government in Canada, including First Nations systems and those patterns of the Westminster parliamentary system.</td>
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<td>- First Nations’ governments make treaties with the Crown, the Nakota, Nahkawé, Nêhiyawak, and the Denesuline who were acknowledged as sovereign nations at the time of treaty making.</td>
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<td>b. Investigate the significant events and principle First Nations and Inuit leaders prior to and during the period of initial contact with Europeans.</td>
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<td>The Nakota, Denesuline, Nahkawé, and Nêhiyawak were self-governing sovereign Nations prior to the treaties. The Canadian government has ignored the fact that all parties to treaty were Nations who made nation to nation treaty agreements. First Nations were to retain their right to govern themselves as they had for thousands of years. When First Nations veterans returned from serving Canada in World War I and World War II they began to struggle for their rights as treaty people. They wanted the government to honour the treaty promises to First Nations people. They began to establish First Nations’ political organizations to protect and preserve the treaties made between the Nakota, Denesuline, Nahkawé, Nêhiyawak and the Canadian government in what is now Saskatchewan.</td>
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Inquiry Question #4: What are the benefits of treaties for all people in Saskatchewan from a contemporary perspective?

Treaty Promises and Provisions – Goal: By the end of Grade 12, students will appreciate that Treaties are sacred covenants between sovereign nations and are the foundational basis for meaningful relationships that perpetually foster the well-being of all people.


Outcomes and Indicators | Possible Learning Experiences | Assessment Ideas
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**Treaty Education – Treaty Promises and Provisions** | **Treaties Benefit all People in Saskatchewan**
TPP5: Analyze the benefits of treaties for all people in Saskatchewan from a contemporary perspective. Indicators:
- Identify contemporary results of Saskatchewan Treaties (e.g., urban reserves, economic development, resource sharing).
- Examine Tribal Councils or First Nation Bands who have urban land holdings and/or commercial enterprises and the resulting benefits to all Saskatchewan people.
- Investigate contemporary negotiations that support treaties as living agreements.

**English Language Arts - Outcome:** CC5.3 Compose and create a range of visual, multimedia, oral, and written texts that explore, identify, (e.g., What Should I Do), community (e.g., This is Our Planet), social responsibility (e.g., Teamwork) and express personal thoughts shaped through inquiry.

a. Create spoken, written, and other representations that include:
   - a clear and specific message
   - a logical and coherent organization of ideas
   - competent use of language and conventions.

b. Express and explain findings on a topic, question, problem, or issue in an appropriate visual, multimedia, oral, and written format using inquiry.

Outcome: CC5.1 Speak to express and support a range of ideas and information in formal and informal speaking situations (e.g., giving oral presentations and reports, retelling a narrative, explaining a display to others, working in groups) for particular audiences and purposes.

f. Deliver informative presentations about an important idea, issue, or event by framing questions to guide listeners, establishing a central idea or topic, and developing the topic with simple facts, details, examples, and explanations.

Social Studies - Outcome: PA5.3 Develop an understanding of the nature of the treaty relationship between First Nations and Canada’s federal government.

a. Explain what a treaty is, and the purpose of a treaty.

b. Affirm that all Saskatchewan residents are treaty people.

- Define what a treaty is.
- Explain why the Canadian government (British Crown) and First Nations wanted to make treaties.
- Identify contemporary results of Saskatchewan treaties.
- Identify urban reserves in Saskatchewan as a contemporary result of Saskatchewan treaties.
- Describe the benefits of urban reserves to all Saskatchewan people.
- Explain how contemporary negotiations support Saskatchewan treaties as living agreements.

Consider: How can the learning experiences help us answer the inquiry question?

- Urban reserves are important to the revitalization of First Nations’ languages and cultures. Many urban First Nations people have opportunities to participate in cultural celebrations and ceremonies offered through organizations and businesses located on urban reserves.

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TEACHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Vocabulary: For the purpose of this document the following two phrases/terms are defined below.

First Nations Peoples Era: refers to the period of time when only First Nations people lived on the land called “The Island” by the Denesuline, “People’s Island” by the Nêhiyawak, “Turtle Island” by the Nahkawé, and ”The Plains” by the Oceti Sakowin now called North America. First Nations peoples believe they lived in North America since time immemorial.

Newcomers: refers to all peoples who arrived, from other countries after the First Nations Peoples Era, to live in what is now known as North America.

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First Nations’ worldviews and cultures are embedded in their languages.

First Nations view the Indian Act as a repudiation of the treaty terms. The Indian Act is a paternalistic, colonial policy which exerts authority over First Nations and negatively impacts the present relationship between all people in Saskatchewan.

Colonization is an expansion policy, used by developed and powerful nations, to expand their occupation and domination over smaller, weaker nations for the economic good of the home country. Colonial governments gradually weakened the First Nations government structures by the implementation of discriminatory policies aimed at assimilating First Nations people into the dominant society.

The Canadian government implemented the Indian Act of 1876 to colonize First Nations people. This colonization process included education that forbade First Nations children to speak their languages and engage in cultural traditions.

Policies such as First Nations language programs and inclusion of First Nations content, perspectives, and ways of knowing and doing in public education initiatives have begun to show some success in decolonizing First Nations and non-First Nations people in Saskatchewan.
**Spirit and Intent**

First Nations people believe that participation in the pipe ceremony at the time of treaty negotiation and agreement meant that the parties entered into a solemn agreement, a covenant between the First Nations, the British Crown, and the Creator.

Symbols used at the time of treaty making had significance to the Nakota, Nahkawé, Nêhiyawak, and Denesûliné Nations and the British Crown. They were symbols that embodied their cultures. Flags, treaty medals, and suits were symbols used by the British Crown. The pipe stem, handshake, sun, grass, and water were used by the First Nations.

The symbols used at the time of treaty continue to be used today in First Nations ceremonies and celebrations (e.g., powwows, ceremonies, and give aways).

**Historical Context**

The regional political organization, the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN), began under the name of the “Union of Saskatchewan Indians”. The purpose of this organization continues to be the preservation and protection of treaties made between the Nakota, Nahkawé, Denesûliné, and Nêhiyawak Nations, and the British Crown.

The national political organization Assembly of First Nations (AFN) began as the National Indian Brotherhood and continues to represent First Nations across Canada in the preservation of treaties.

First Nations political structures include the AFN, FSIN, Tribal Councils, and local Chiefs and Councils. These governments continue to work for equal and mutual benefits as promised in Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10.

Chiefs and Councils were established by *Indian Act of 1876* which introduced an electoral system to replace traditional forms of government in First Nations’ communities. These governments’ powers are limited because the *Indian Act* continues to control many aspects of local governments.
Treaty Promises and Provisions

The British Crown and the Denesůlinē, Nakota, Nahkawé, Nêhiyawak Nations wanted to make treaties which would benefit both parties. The British Crown wanted access to First Nations’ land. First Nations agreed to share the land with the newcomers. First Nations wanted to protect their way of life and to ensure their livelihood as self-sustaining Nations.

First Nations’ land claims were necessary to fulfill the treaty promises for land and to return the land illegally sold or given away by Indian agents. First Nations started to buy land in urban centers. These are called urban reserves today. Urban reserves benefit all Saskatchewan people through the supply and demand for goods and services for businesses located on urban reserves and the economic opportunities for First Nations people.

First Nations continue to work with the federal, provincial, and municipal governments to negotiate agreements that will benefit all Saskatchewan people. First Nations want their people to benefit equally from the treaty agreements.
SUGGESTED GRADE FIVE RESOURCES:

Note: If the suggested resources are not on the Ministry of Education’s recommended learning resources list please refer to the Ministry of Education’s Learning Resources Evaluation Guide (2013) or your school/school system’s learning resources evaluation policy.

Recommended Learning Resources - Resources marked with an * are not currently on the Ministry of Education recommended list.

Websites: The websites listed below may not be available because the site may have been discontinued by the organizations listed in the URL. All websites were accessed on 28/01/15.

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