

Aboriginal Social Issues

Name: _____

Aboriginal Poverty in Canada (video)

1. What type of "country" do many First Nations live in? _____

What does this mean?

2. How many Canadians live in poverty? _____ out of a population of approx. _____ million.

3. How did this video make you feel? Did you know about these issues in Canada? What do you think could be some of the causes of Aboriginal poverty?

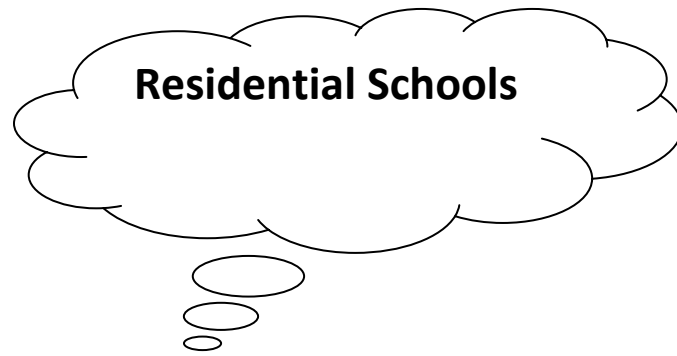
Notes: The Indian Act

The goal of the Indian Act (1876) was to _____

Define:

Assimilate

Civilize



How did the Residential Schools and Indian Act negatively impact the lives of First Nations in Canada?

Poem Analysis

"I Lost My Talk" by Rita Joe

BEFORE READING: Consider the title. Predict what the poem is about.

I lost my talk
The talk you took away.
When I was a little girl
At Shubenacadie school.

You snatched it away:
I speak like you
I think like you
I create like you
The scrambled ballad, about my world.

Two ways I talk
Both ways I say,
Your way is more powerful.

So gently I offer my hand and ask,
Let me find my talk
So I can teach you about me.

AFTER READING

1. What does the speaker mean by "my talk"?
2. What effect has the Residential School had on the speaker?
3. What does the speaker mean by "two ways I talk"?
4. What does this poem reveal about power? Society? How does the poem deal with identity and culture?