Social Studies 9 **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**

**Residential Schools**

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

**Poem Analysis**

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

**"I Lost My Talk" by Rita Joe**

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?**