

*Grade Three
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**KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE FOUR
TREATY EDUCATION - KEY QUESTIONS**

Grade Level	Kindergarten	Grade One	Grade Two	Grade Three	Grade Four
Treaty Education Focus	Getting to Know My Community	Learning That We Are All Treaty People	Creating a Strong Foundation Through Treaties	Exploring Challenges and Opportunities in Treaty Making	Understanding How Treaty Promises Have Not Been Kept
Treaty Relationships	How is the diversity of First Nations in Saskatchewan reflected in your classroom/ community?	How does sharing contribute to treaty relationships?	How are treaties the basis of harmonious relationships in which land and resources are shared?	How have the lifestyles of First Nations people changed prior to and after the signing of treaties?	How are relationships affected when treaty promises are kept or broken?
Spirit and Intent	How do the Circle of Life teachings connect us to nature and one another?	How do thoughts influence actions?	How important is honesty when examining one's intentions?	How were the historical worldviews of the British Crown and the First Nations different regarding land ownership?	Why did First Nations' leaders believe there was a benefit to both European education and traditional ways of learning?
Historical Context	How do stories, traditions, and ceremonies connect people to the land?	How do nature and the land meet the needs of people?	How were traditional forms of leadership practiced in First Nations' communities prior to European contact?	How do First Nations and Saskatchewan people benefit from Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10?	How did First Nations people envision treaty as a means to ensure their livelihood and maintain their languages, cultures, and way of life?
Treaty Promises and Provisions	Why is it important to understand the meaning and significance of keeping promises?	What is meant by <i>We Are All Treaty People</i> ?	Why are the symbols used by the Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, Nakota and Denesûliné First Nations and the British Crown important in Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10?	How did the use of different languages in treaty making present challenges and how does that continue to impact people today?	What objectives did the First Nations and the British Crown representatives have when negotiating treaty?

**GRADE FIVE TO NINE
TREATY EDUCATION - KEY QUESTIONS**

Grade Level	Grade Five	Grade Six	Grade Seven	Grade Eight	Grade Nine
Treaty Education Focus	Assessing the Journey in Honouring Treaties	Moving Towards Fulfillment of Treaties	Understanding Treaties in a Contemporary Context	Exploring Treaty Impacts and Alternatives	Understanding Treaties From Around the World
Treaty Relationships	What are the effects of colonization and decolonization on First Nations people?	What structures and processes have been developed for treaty implementation?	To what extent do the Canadian government and First Nations meet their respective treaty obligations?	What was the role of the Métis people in treaty making?	What are the treaty experiences of Indigenous peoples around the world?
Spirit and Intent	How did the symbols used by the British Crown and the First Nations contribute to the treaty making process?	Why is it important to preserve and promote First Nations' languages?	How does First Nation's oral tradition preserve accounts of what was intended by entering into treaty and what transpired?	To what extent have residential schools affected First Nations' communities?	How did worldviews affect the treaty making processes between the British Crown and Indigenous peoples?
Historical Context	Why is First Nation's self-governance important and how is it linked to treaties?	How do urban reserves positively affect all people in Saskatchewan?	How do the <i>Indian Act</i> and its amendments impact the lives of First Nations?	What are the differences and similarities between the Saskatchewan Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 and the British Columbia Nisga'a Treaty?	How does treaty making recognize peoples' rights and responsibilities?
Treaty Promises and Provisions	What are the benefits of treaties for all people in Saskatchewan from a contemporary perspective?	How does the Office of the Treaty Commissioner promote good relations between First Nations people, other people in Saskatchewan, and the Canadian government?	In what ways does the Canadian government disregard First Nations' traditional kinship patterns by implementation of the <i>Indian Act</i> ?	To what extent have the treaty obligations for health and education been honoured and fulfilled?	How effective has treaty making been in addressing the circumstances of Indigenous peoples?

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - TREATY EDUCATION OUTCOMES AND INDICATORS 2013

Grade Three: Exploring Challenges And Opportunities In Treaty Making

Treaty Relationships	Spirit and Intent	Historical Context	Treaty Promises and Provisions
<p>TR31: Examine the relationships between First Nation peoples and the land, before and after the signing of treaties.</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Examine the impact of geography (e.g., grasslands, boreal forest or woodland, grain belt, lakeland regions) on the relationship between First Nations people and the land. ➤ Describe the lifestyle changes of First Nations, prior to and after placement on reserves. ➤ Discuss the worldviews associated with ownership of the land and consider the impact those views have on a person’s relationship to the land. 	<p>SI32: Examine how various teachings people have about the natural world guide behaviour and actions.</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Interview family members to learn the stories and teachings they hold related to nature and Mother Earth, and explore the intended meaning found in those stories and teachings. ➤ Analyze how First Nation peoples’ beliefs guide relationships with the land and natural world. ➤ Compare the First Nations and British Crown view of the treaties with respect to land and ownership. 	<p>HC33: Explore the benefits that each of the parties to treaty enjoy.</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recognize how all Saskatchewan people are beneficiaries of treaty (e.g., sharing of natural resources, access to vast tracts of land, peaceful means of living with one another). ➤ Recognize that treaty benefits flow equally to all peoples in Saskatchewan living in Treaty 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 areas. ➤ Discuss what the benefits of treaties are for First Nations (e.g., education, health). ➤ Discuss what the benefits of treaties are for non-First Nations (e.g., access to land for farming). 	<p>TPP34: Explore how the use of different languages in treaty making presented challenges and how those challenges impact people today.</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Research various languages spoken during treaty making in the treaty territory in which students live. ➤ Express challenges faced by all people when their first language is not spoken in the communities where they live. ➤ Investigate how language used in the treaty making process limited mutual understandings of differing worldviews.

Grade Three: Exploring Challenges and Opportunities in Treaty Making – Treaty Relationships

Inquiry Question #1: How have the lifestyles of First Nations people changed prior to and after the signing of treaties?

Treaty Essential Learnings: TEL 3 (Historical Context) TEL 4 (Worldview) TEL 6 (Contemporary Treaty Issues)		
<p>First Nations people lived off the land in the First Nations Peoples Era. The Creator gave First Nations people the land to live on. Mother Earth provided everything they needed to live. The plants and animals provided food, clothing, shelter, and tools. First Nations people were dependent on Mother Earth for their survival. The First Nations people had spiritual lands where they conducted their ceremonies. Land was one of the promises made to First Nations people at the time of treaty. These tracts of land are called “reserves” as defined in the <i>Indian Act</i> of 1876. Today, many First Nations continue to live on reserves. They live off the land through hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering as their ancestors did in the past. First Nations’ reserves have greatly changed the lifestyles of First Nations people.</p>		
Outcomes and Indicators	Possible Learning Experiences	Assessment Ideas
<p>Treaty Education – Treaty Relationships</p> <p>Outcome: TR31: Examine the relationships between First Nation peoples and the land, before and after the signing of treaties.</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Describe the lifestyle changes of First Nations, prior to and after placement on reserves. 	<p>First Nations’ Lifestyle in First Nations Peoples Era</p> <p>Ask, where do we get our food, clothing, and tools? What do we use for shelter and transportation? What animals provide for our wants and needs? What plants provide for our wants and needs? Who provides us with food from the land? Why do we depend on the animals and plants for our wants and needs? How did people live in the past? How did First Nations people meet their wants and needs in the First Nations Peoples Era? How did First Nations people get their food, clothing, and shelter needs met? Read <i>Claire and Her Grandfather</i>, (AANAC, 2011) to find out about the lifestyles of First Nations people in the First Nations Peoples Era. What kind of lifestyle did they have? What kind of relationship did they have to the land and its natural resources? Why was sharing the land so important to First Nations people? How did people meet their needs when living a nomadic lifestyle? What forms of transportation did they have? Where did they get their medicines? What large animals were essential to their survival? How were the buffalo and the caribou used to provide food, clothing, and shelter? Have students make a visual representation of the uses of the large animals, specifically the buffalo (Plains First Nations) and caribou (Denesûliné).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain how First Nations’ lifestyles changed prior to and after the signing of treaties. • Describe the nomadic lifestyle of First Nations people in the First Nations Peoples Era. • Identify how First Nations people used the buffalo and/or caribou to meet their needs for survival. • Analyze the interdependence between communities and the environment. • Recognize that First Nations’ communities in the First Nations Peoples Era and after the signing of treaties found ways to meet their wants and needs. • Compare and contrast First Nations’ traditional lifestyle and settlement on reserves.
<p>Arts Education - Outcome: CH3.1 Compare how arts expressions from various groups and communities may be a reflection of their unique environment (e.g., North and South Saskatchewan, urban and rural)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Share information about an artist working in own community through individual research or collaborative inquiry. d. Describe how an arts expression tells something about the community and culture in which it was created (e.g., heritage harvest dances). e. Describe ways that people of various cultures in own and surrounding communities participate in the arts and discuss why they do so. 	<p>Living on Reserves - First Nations’ Lifestyles Change</p> <p>Ask, how has First Nations’ lifestyle changed prior to and after the signing of treaty? Why did the lifestyle of First Nations people change when the newcomers arrived (e.g., the animals began to disappear from over hunting and trapping)? What happened to the buffalo? Read <i>The Disappearance and Resurgence of the Buffalo</i>, (Cooper, 1995), to find out how the buffalo disappeared and how this affected the lifestyle of Plains First Nations people. Invite a Plains First Nation Elder to talk about the importance of the buffalo to the survival of their people. Have him/her share with students that when the buffalo disappeared they needed a new way to meet the needs and wants of their communities. To do this, First Nations decided they needed to make treaties with the British Crown. The British Crown wanted land for the newcomers so they entered into treaty negotiations with the First Nations. The First Nations agreed to share the land with the newcomers and the British Crown agreed that First Nations people would be taught how to farm as a new way to meet their needs. To do this, First Nations had to settle on the land. They began to live on tracts of land called reserves. How do First Nations artists depict life on the reserve (e.g., Allen Sapp, Michael Lonechild, Henry Beaudry, and local artists)? What do these visual texts tell you about the lifestyle on the reserve? What inferences can be made about First Nations’ lifestyles on reserves? How did settlement on a reserve differ from a previously nomadic lifestyle? Have students compare and contrast First Nations’ traditional lifestyles to life on reserves by creating a visual including images and words that represent the similarities and differences in lifestyles. Optional: Arrange to visit a First Nations reserve in your area to learn about the lifestyle of the people.</p>	
<p>Science - Outcome: PL3.2 Analyze the interdependence among plants, individuals, society, and the environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> n. Research lifestyles (e.g., farming, fishing, and logging) and jobs (e.g., florist, crop scientist, landscaper, gardener, fruit grower, ecologist, logger, and nursery worker) that depend on understanding and working with plants and plant-related products. 		<p>Consider: How can the learning experiences help us answer the inquiry question?</p>
<p>Social Studies - Outcome: RW3.1 Appraise the ways communities meet their members’ needs and wants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Speculate upon various challenges faced by communities in meeting needs and wants, with evidence gathered from examining pictures, viewing media, and interpreting stories using a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. b. Identify how individuals and communities meet needs and wants. c. Describe ways in which communities help ensure basic human needs are met (e.g., food and water, shelter, clothing, education, safety). 		<p>First Nations Protocol/Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When inviting an Elder/Traditional Knowledge Keeper into your classroom, give him/her at least one week’s notice and provide specific guidance on topics that you want her/him to share. Please see your local Elder guidelines. • Tobacco – traditional use – Gift wrap the tobacco in cloth, envelopes or wrapping paper if the tobacco is given with the students are present. • For more information read <i>Cultural Teachings: First Nations Protocols and Methodologies</i>, (McAdam, 2009).

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.

Grade Three: Exploring Challenges and Opportunities in Treaty Making – Spirit and Intent

Inquiry Question #2: How were the historical worldviews of the British Crown and the First Nations different regarding land ownership?

Treaty Essential Learnings: TEL 4 (Worldview)		
<p>First Nations people traditionally believed that the land could not be owned, sold, or given away. The land was to be shared with all of creation. Humans were to live in peace and harmony with all of creation. Humans were to be humble because they are the smallest part of creation. First Nations agreed to share the land with the British Crown. The British believed that the land could be owned by Nations and individuals. They believed First Nations gave up the land when treaties were made. The ownership of land determined wealth and position in society. The biggest difference in the worldviews is the concept of ownership of the land.</p>		
Outcomes and Indicators	Possible Learning Experiences	Assessment Ideas
<p>Treaty Education – Spirit and Intent</p> <p>Outcome: SI32: Examine how various teachings people have about the natural world guide behaviour and actions.</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Compare the First Nations and British Crown view of the treaties with respect to land and ownership. 	<p><u>First Nations’ Historical Worldview About the Land and Land Ownership</u></p> <p>Ask, what beliefs do we have about the land? What is a worldview? Is the land and how we view it part of our worldview? Do First Nations have beliefs about the land (Mother Earth)? What are their beliefs about the land? Read <i>Kikāwīnawaskiy – Our Mother Earth, Teaching Treaties in the Classroom, Grades 7 – 12, pp.450-452</i>, (OTC, 2002) to find out First Nations’ worldviews about Mother Earth. How did they view the land and land ownership? Why did First Nations’ people believe they share the land with all of creation? Share with students the chart in <i>The Lifestyles of First Nations Peoples Before and After the Arrival of the Newcomers: A Treaty Resource Guide for Grade 1, p. 83</i>, (OTC, 2008) to discuss how First Nations people viewed the world. Why would First Nations people believe that land was to be shared with all of creation; not owned by people or Nations? Invite a First Nations Elder/Traditional Knowledge Keeper to the classroom to talk about the differences and similarities between First Nations’ historical and contemporary worldviews regarding the land. How have some of the First Nations’ traditions and practices regarding the land endured overtime? Why are the First Nations’ beliefs that they are stewards of the land important today? Have students compose and create a written text (e.g., summary, short essay) explaining the historical First Nation beliefs about land and land ownership.</p> <p><u>British Crown’s Historical Worldview About the Land and Land Ownership</u></p> <p>Ask, how did the British Crown view the land? Who was more important than the plants, animals, and all of creation? Why did the British Crown believe that humanity was more important than all of creation? See <i>British (Western) Historical Worldview, Teaching Treaties in the Classroom Grades 7-12, p.459</i>, (OTC, 2002). How did the British Crown view the land and its resources? What was the historical British Crown’s worldview about land ownership? Who owned the land in historical times? Lead a discussion about the historical worldview of the British Crown regarding land ownership. Have students create a visual representation of the British Crown’s historical worldview using the entities found in <i>The Lifestyles of First Nations Peoples Before and After the Arrival of the Newcomers: A Treaty Resource Guide for Grade 1, p. 83</i>, (OTC, 2008).</p> <p><u>Comparison of the Historical British Crown’s and First Nations’ Worldviews About the Land</u></p> <p>Ask, how are the British Crown’s and First Nations’ worldviews different in regards to land ownership? Are there similarities in these two worldviews? Have students discuss the similarities and differences between the British Crown’s and First Nations’ historical worldviews about land and land ownership. Have students record the results using a graphic organizer to indicate the similarities and differences between worldviews. Why did First Nations agree to share the land with the British Crown at the time of treaty making? Why did the British Crown want ownership of the land? How did these differing worldviews impact the understanding of the treaty agreements regarding the land? Have students role-play the differing beliefs about land ownership between the British Crown and First Nations at the time of treaty-making.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe First Nations’ and the British Crown’s historical worldviews about the land. • Identify the differences in the historical worldviews regarding land and land ownership between the British Crown and First Nations. • Role-play the differences between the historical British Crown’s and First Nations’ worldviews about land ownership. • Analyze the historical First Nations’ and British Crown’s worldviews about land and land ownership. • Identify First Nations’ traditions and practices regarding the land that have endured over time. • Explain how the differing historical First Nations’ and British Crown’s worldviews about the land and land ownership impacted the understanding of treaty agreements. <p>Consider: How can the learning experiences help us answer the inquiry question?</p>
<p>Arts Education - Outcome: CP3.4 Use imagination, a variety of drama strategies, and reflection to further the drama’s development.</p> <p>b. Work together within dramatic contexts.</p> <p>d. Ask questions to contribute to inquiry of the topic through drama (e.g., What could we do to find out how different people would feel and react in that situation?).</p>		
<p>English Language Arts - Outcome: CC3.1Compose and create a range of visual, multimedia, oral, and written texts that explore: identity (e.g., Spreading My Wings) community (e.g., Helping Others) social responsibility (e.g., Communities Around the World) and make connections across areas of study.</p> <p>d. Communicate ideas, findings, and information pertaining to topics, problems, questions, or issues by creating easy-to-follow visual, oral, and written formats with a clear purpose (e.g., short report, explanation of a procedure).</p>		
<p>Social Studies - Outcome: IN3.2 Analyze the cultures and traditions in communities studied.</p> <p>c. Give examples of traditions and practices that have endured over time in communities studied, and discuss why these are important.</p> <p>Outcome: DR3.3 Compare the beliefs of various communities around the world regarding living on and with the land.</p> <p>a. Research the view of land as held by Indigenous peoples in communities studied.</p>		<p><u>First Nations Protocol/Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please use the local First Nations’ historical worldviews. • The Nahkawé, Nēhiyawak, Nakota, and/or the Denesūliné First Nations worldviews are very similar regarding the land and ownership of the land.

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.

Grade Three: Exploring Challenges and Opportunities in Treaty Making – Historical Context

Inquiry Question #3: How do First Nations and Saskatchewan people benefit from Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10?

Treaty Essential Learning: TEL 3 (Historical Context) TEL 4 (Worldview) TEL 6 (Contemporary Treaty Issues)		
<p>All Saskatchewan citizens are treaty people. Everyone in Saskatchewan benefits from the treaties made between the Nahkawé, Nêhiyawak, Nakota, and/or the Denesúliné First Nations and the British Crown (Canadian government). Newcomers came from countries where they would not have been able to own land. Today, many newcomers own land. Newcomers also have many freedoms they would not have enjoyed in their native countries. These freedoms are possible because of the treaties. First Nations people also benefit from the treaty agreements. Some benefits are education, land, a new way of making a living, annuities, and tracts of land called reserves. The treaty promises were to be mutually beneficial to both parties.</p>		
Outcomes and Indicators	Possible Learning Experiences	Assessment Ideas
<p>Treaty Education – Historical Context</p> <p>Outcome: HC33: Explore the benefits that each of the parties to treaty enjoy.</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recognize how all Saskatchewan people are beneficiaries of treaty (e.g., sharing of natural resources, access to vast tracts of land, peaceful means of living with one another). ➤ Discuss what the benefits of treaties are for First Nations (e.g., education, health). ➤ Discuss what the benefits of treaties are for non-First Nations (e.g., access to land for farming). 	<p>Newcomer Treaty Benefits</p> <p>Ask, what is a promise? What is a treaty? Why were treaties made? Who created the treaties? What treaties were created in what is now Saskatchewan? View the OTC video <i>A Solemn Undertaking: The Five Treaties of Saskatchewan, (OTC)</i> for an overview of Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 made in Saskatchewan between First Nations and the British Crown. What did the British Crown want for the newcomers? Why did the newcomers need land? What other benefits did the Newcomers gain under treaty (e.g., the freedom of: speech, worship, land, language, culture, education, health, and economics)? See <i>The First Nations and the Newcomers Settle in Saskatchewan: A Treaty Resource Guide for Grade 3, p. 96, (OTC, 2008)</i>. What would life look like if the newcomers did not receive these benefits? Lead a discussion about what life would look like for the newcomers if Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 had not been signed in what is now Saskatchewan. Have students personalize the benefits of treaty by creating a visual representation of what the students’ lives would look like without these benefits.</p> <p>First Nations’ Treaty Benefits</p> <p>Ask, what benefits do the treaties give First Nations people? Read <i>Legacy: Indian Treaty Relationships, pp. 54-57, (Price, 1991)</i> to identify First Nations’ benefits from Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10. Have students divide into six groups and assign each group one of the Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 and have them list the benefits in the treaty. Invite students to discuss the similarities and differences in each Treaty. Explain to the students that all First Nations in Saskatchewan receive the same treaty benefits because the benefits from one treaty are transferable to all Numbered Treaties 1 - 11. Lead a discussion about what life would look like for First Nations if Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 had not been signed. What kind of education, health, and land base did First Nations have prior to the treaties being signed? Have each group create a visual art work that represents one of the benefits of treaty for First Nations and explain how this benefit will help First Nations people after treaty.</p> <p>We Are All Treaty People</p> <p>Ask, who are Saskatchewan citizens? How do Saskatchewan citizens benefit from treaty (e.g., sharing of natural resources, access to vast tracts of land, peaceful means of living with one another)? Show the students the map <i>Treaty Boundaries, Location of First Nations and Treaty Sites in Saskatchewan, (OTC)</i>. http://www.otc.ca/education/we-are-all-treaty-people/treaty-map How much land in Saskatchewan is treaty land? Why are all Saskatchewan people treaty people? Have students brainstorm and list the reasons. Have students co-create a visual, multimedia, oral, and written text to illustrate the phrase “We are all Treaty People”.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify Saskatchewan First Nations’ and Newcomers’ benefits from Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 made in Saskatchewan. • Describe how all Saskatchewan people benefit from treaty. • Recognize that the newcomers and First Nations people received many benefits from treaties. • Compare the differences and similarities in treaty benefits for First Nations in Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10. • Recognize how all Saskatchewan people are beneficiaries of treaty. • Explain why the citizens of Saskatchewan are all treaty people. <p>Consider: How can the learning experiences help us answer the inquiry question?</p>
<p>Arts Education - Outcome: CP3.7 Create visual art works that express ideas about the natural, constructed, and imagined environments.</p> <p>a. Generate questions that arise from the investigation of a topic or area of interest to initiate inquiry.</p> <p>d. Explore inquiry questions visually.</p>		
<p>English Language Arts – Outcome: CC3.1 Compose and create a range of visual, multimedia, oral, and written texts that explore: identity (e.g., Spreading My Wings) community (e.g., Helping Others) social responsibility (e.g., Communities Around the World) and make connections across areas of study.</p> <p>d. Communicate ideas, findings, and information pertaining to topics, problems, questions, or issues by creating easy-to-follow visual, oral, and written formats with a clear purpose (e.g., short report, explanation of a procedure).</p> <p>Outcome: CR3.3 Listen to and understand information, identify main ideas and supporting details, compare different ideas and points of view, and explain connections made between texts heard.</p> <p>g. Retell, paraphrase, and explain what a speaker said (including Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and community members).</p> <p>i. Listen attentively and courteously to each other in discussions and to guest speakers; show respect for the ideas, language, and communication styles of others; and give sensitive and thoughtful responses.</p>		
		<p>First Nations Protocol/Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations refer to the Numbered Treaties as one large treaty with treaty benefits that are inclusive in all Treaties 1 - 11 (e.g., medicine chest in Treaty 6 is a benefit in all of the Numbered Treaties). • The Canadian government applies the benefits from each treaty to all the Numbered Treaties 1- 11. The <i>Indian Act of 1876</i> is the tool the government uses to implement the treaty promises to First Nations people.

Historical Context – Goal: By the end of Grade 12, students will acknowledge that the social, cultural, economic, and political conditions of the past played and continue to play a significant role in both the Treaty reality of the present and the reality they have yet to shape.

Grade Three: Exploring Challenges and Opportunities in Treaty Making – Treaty Promises and Provisions

Inquiry Question #4: How did the use of different languages in treaty making present challenges and how does that continue to impact people today?

Treaty Essential Learning: TEL 1 (The Treaties) TEL 2 (The Treaty Relationship) TEL 3 (Historical Context) TEL 4 (Worldview) TEL 5 (Symbolism in Treaty Making)		
<p>The British Crown's and First Nations' worldviews are embedded in the language of those Nations. The Nahkawé, Nêhiyawak, Nakota, and the Denesûliné First Nations and the British Crown had different languages and worldviews when treaties were made. The First Nations' worldviews were similar but very different from the British worldview. Many misunderstandings occurred because of language and worldview in negotiations and agreements. The Treaty Commissioners and First Nations' leaders understood treaty promises and provisions based on their particular worldviews. Symbols were used at the time of treaties depicting the significance of each Nation and treaty making.</p>		
Outcomes and Indicators	Possible Learning Experiences	Assessment Ideas
<p>Treaty Education – Treaty Promises and Provisions</p> <p>TPP3: Explore how the use of different languages in treaty making presented challenges and how those challenges impact people today.</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Research various languages spoken during treaty making in the treaty territory in which students live. ➤ Express challenges faced by all people when their first language is not spoken in the communities where they live. ➤ Investigate how language used in the treaty making process limited mutual understandings of differing worldviews. 	<p>Use of Different Languages Create Challenges</p> <p>Ask, what is the main language you speak at home? What language(s) are used in the classroom? What language(s) are spoken in our community? How does language impact beliefs? Brainstorm and list the challenges students would have in a conversation with someone who speaks a different language. What can you do to understand and communicate with this person (e.g., interpreter, sign language)? What are some other ways we can communicate our thoughts and ideas (e.g., pictures, body movement, and facial expressions)? What misunderstandings can occur if the people have different cultures? What role does culture play in misunderstanding what is being said? How does cultural worldview affect mutual understanding in a conversation? How important is it to understand what is being said in a conversation? Lead a discussion about what might happen if there is no or limited understanding. What challenges are faced by people when their first language is not spoken in the community where they live? How can we help these people to overcome these challenges? Have students role-play different scenarios where they are required to communicate without spoken language.</p> <p>Use of Languages and Worldviews Limit Mutual Understandings in Treaty Making</p> <p>Ask, did the parties making treaties speak the same language? What languages did the First Nations speak (Nakota, Nahkawé, Nêhiyawak, or Denesûliné)? What language did the representatives of the British Crown speak? What treaty territory do you live in? What First Nations made treaty with the British Crown in your treaty area? What languages were spoken in the treaty making process in your treaty territory? Have the students do research to determine what languages were spoken in treaty making in the treaty territory in which they live. See <i>The First Nations and the Newcomers Settle in Saskatchewan: A Treaty Resource Guide for Grade 3, The Treaty Backgrounder</i>, pp.77-79, (OTC, 2008). What cultures were represented by the treaty parties? How would these different cultures create misunderstandings in what was being negotiated? Lead a discussion on the differing worldviews regarding land and land ownership of First Nations and the British Crown. How did these differing worldviews limit the mutual understanding of the treaty promise of land for both the First Nations and British Crown? Invite a First Nation Elder and/or Traditional Knowledge Keeper to share the misunderstandings that occurred during treaty making (e.g., share land, depth of a plow, education, medicine chest, treaties are forever) and how it impacts First Nations people today. Have students create and act out a treaty simulation based on a treaty made between two parties who have different languages and cultures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify challenges faced by people who do not speak the language(s) used in the community in which they live. • Identify the languages spoken during treaty making in the treaty territory in which the students live. • Explain why there would be misunderstandings when different languages were spoken during treaty making. • Analyze how languages used in the treaty making process limited mutual understanding of differing worldviews. • Recognize that the different languages used at treaty making limited mutual understanding during treaty making. • Role-play different scenarios where students have to communicate without spoken language. <p>Consider: How can the learning experiences help us answer the inquiry question?</p>
<p>Arts Education - Outcome: CP3.4 Use imagination, a variety of drama strategies, and reflection to further the drama's development.</p> <p>b. Work together within dramatic contexts.</p> <p>d. Ask questions to contribute to inquiry of the topic through drama (e.g., What could we do to find out how different people would feel and react in that situation?).</p>		<p>First Nations Protocol/Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The spirit and intent of treaties, meaning the intentions of the First Nations people voiced at the time of treaty negotiation, were misunderstood by the British Crown's representatives. These misunderstandings resulted from the cultural and language differences of the two parties.
<p>English Language Arts - Outcome: CR3.1 Comprehend and respond to a variety of grade-level texts (including contemporary and traditional visual, oral, written, and multimedia) that address: identity (e.g., Spreading My Wings) community (e.g., Hand in Hand) social responsibility (e.g., All Together) and make comparison with personal experiences.</p> <p>a. View, listen to, read, and respond to a variety of texts that reflect the issues related to identity, community, and social responsibility and connect to personal experiences, other texts, and other areas of study.</p>		
<p>Social Studies - Outcome: IN3.1 Analyze daily life in a diversity of communities.</p> <p>b. Give examples of how culture is reflected in daily life in various communities, and examine why these cultural elements are important (e.g., language, stories, cultural traditions, religious traditions, recreation, art, architecture, and clothing).</p>		

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.

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 Denesûliné, “People’s Island” by the Nêhiyawak, “Turtle Island” by the Nahkawé, and "The Plains" by the Oceti Sakowin now called North America. First Nations people 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.

Treaty Relationships

“The Denesûliné people lived off the land for thousands of years. The land was their livelihood and their home. The land provided everything they needed to survive. The animals provided food, clothing, and shelter (birds, ducks, spruce hens, rabbits, caribou, moose, bear, and beaver). The water was our highway. The trees provided materials for our canoes. Life was good for the Denesûliné people in those times.” (Elder Paul Sylvester, October 21, 2014).

The Creator placed First Nations people on this land now called North America. The Creator gave them natural laws to live by. These laws guided First Nations people to live in balance and harmony with all of creation.

Mother Earth provided everything First Nations people needed to survive. The bounty of Mother Earth provided for the many First Nations for thousands of years.

First Nations’ lifestyles began to change with the arrival of the newcomers. The establishment of trading posts and the fur trade led to many changes for First Nations people. The slaughter of the buffalo led to the disappearance of the buffalo.

First Nations believed that the treaties made with the British Crown would ensure peaceful relations, the sharing of the land, and a new way of making a living.

First Nations’ lifestyles changed drastically with forced settlement on reserves. Many traditions depended on their nomadic lifestyle. However, gathering food and medicines, conducting ceremonies in spiritual locations and hunting, fishing, and trapping was curtailed by the government.

Spirit and Intent

“The Denesûliné people took only what they needed from the land for their survival. Mother Earth provided everything they needed. The Denesûliné people looked after the land. (Elder Paul Sylvester, October 21, 2014).

The First Nations people had similar worldviews regarding the land. One common belief is that First Nations people have a special connection to the land and all that Mother Earth provided for their survival.

First Nations believe that the Creator gave them the responsibility to take care of Mother Earth so that their children and those children unborn would enjoy her bounty in the future.

First Nations believe they are the smallest part of creation. They believe that the plants and animals agreed to share the land with humanity.

First Nations did not sell or give away the land in the treaties; they agreed to share the land with the British Crown and the Newcomers.

The First Nations and British Crown had differing worldviews regarding the land and land ownership which cause misunderstanding of treaty agreements regarding land.

Historical Context

“The Denesûliné people had their laws, ways of learning, health practices and medicines, and ways to provide for themselves - livelihood. They had all they needed for food, clothing, and shelter. They travelled throughout the north living in family groups. Each family group had their own territory in which the land provided everything for their survival. It was the finding of gold that changed their lifestyle. The Newcomers began to invade their land. The Denesûliné people entered into Treaties 8 and 10 as a way to protect the land. (Elder Paul Sylvester, October 21, 2014).

The newcomers receive many benefits from the treaties made in what is now Saskatchewan. Many newcomers came from countries where they did not have the freedom of speech, to assemble, to practice their religion, and to own land. All newcomers have these

freedoms because of the treaties negotiated and signed between the British Crown and the Nahkawé, Nêhiyawak, Nakota, and/or the Denesûliné First Nations.

Treaty promises made to First Nations were: physical survival of their nations, peaceful relations with the newcomers, respect for their cultural and spiritual survival as distinct Nations, preservation of their distinctive languages and traditions, and a transition to a new lifestyle through farming and education to make a new living. Treaties and treaty benefits are to last “as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the waters flow”.

All Saskatchewan citizens benefit from the treaties. The fulfillment of the treaty promises provides for good relations among First Nations and the Newcomers. We Are All Treaty People.

Treaty Promises and Provisions

“The Denesûliné language was spoken at the time of treaty making. The other languages spoken were Nêhiyawak, French and English. The Northern Nêhiyawak also made treaty at this time. The Hudson Bay interpreter (manager) – he spoke Dene and he was a Frenchman. The priests were the interpreter, they spoke Denesûliné and French. They spoke and understood some English. The Denesûliné culture and language was not understood by the Treaty Commissioner. The Denesûliné leaders only spoke to the people who spoke Denesûliné. Confusion around treaty making was caused by the use of these four languages. (Elder Paul Sylvester, October 21, 2014).

First Nations people believe that language and cultural barriers contributed to misunderstandings during treaty negotiations. The languages used at the time of treaty negotiations were: Nahkawé, Nêhiyawak, Nakota, Denesûliné, Michif, English, and French. The interpreters did not speak any of the First Nations languages fluently and came from different cultural worldviews.

First Nations’ cultural ceremonies held during treaty negotiations and at the signing were not understood by the British representatives.

Much of the spirit and intent of treaties was lost or misrepresented. The spirit and intent of treaties must be understood and acknowledged to give full meaning and understanding of Saskatchewan treaties. First Nations people continue to be concerned by these misunderstandings when treaties are discussed in a contemporary context.

SUGGESTED GRADE THREE 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.

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