

Treaties in Canada

- Before newcomers arrived in North America, many nations of people already lived here.
- They had different languages, cultures, religions, ways of life and traditional territories.
- These first people to live in Canada are called the **First Nations**.



Alliances

- Different groups met with each other often.
- They created alliances that were valuable to all members.
- These alliances created peaceful relationships, that included trade, passage, peace and friendship, and other duties and responsibilities.



Treaties

- The First Nations met and agreed to work together.
- These agreements were called **Treaties**.
- Treaty-making included making promises to share and cooperate.



Making Treaty

- **Treaties** were made as part of a ceremony.
- The ceremony included the First Nations and the Creator.



Numbered Treaties

- After Canada became a country in 1867, the Canadian government looked to the North-West Territories to expand.
- Between 1871 and 1921, eleven **Numbered Treaties** were negotiated between the Crown and First Nations living in the west.



Treaties in Manitoba

- **Treaties** Number 1 to 5 are found in Manitoba.
- The **Treaties** were discussed and entered into by Treaty Commissioners on behalf of the Crown (the Canadian government) and First Nations leaders.



Treaty Benefits

- Each side benefitted from the **Treaty** agreement.
- First Nations got: hunting and fishing rights, reserved lands, education and health rights.
- The Crown got: land for farming and settlement, natural resources, peaceful expansion.
- **Treaties** were to last *forever*.



‘We Are All Treaty People’

- All people in Manitoba have benefitted from the partnership created by the **Treaties**.

**WE ARE ALL
TREATY PEOPLE**



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