

Consequences of Colonialism

First Nations communities experienced many types of loss as a result of colonialism. Some of the main causes of these losses are colonization, racism, settlement, Indian Act, and Indian Residential Schools.

Record ways that these causes brought about the following losses:

1. Loss of children from communities.
2. Loss of life due to diseases to which they had never been exposed to previously.
3. Loss of land and resources which were the foundations of First Nations life.
4. Loss of spiritual and sacred places on the land, which were not only taken away, but desecrated.
5. Loss of language and cultural traditions.
6. Loss of self-reliance and independence.
7. Loss of opportunity and potential.

Video - What is reconciliation?

By Justice Murray Sinclair - Chair of the Truth & Reconciliation Committee

1. As you are listening, write down what you think the main idea(s) of the video is.
2. What is meant by the term "reconciliation"? How should Canadians and FN people help re-establish good relations between each other?

Video - Educating Our Youth

3. Why should we educate young people about the residential school system? How can this improve relations between all Canadians?

Written response (1-2 pages) -

4. How have Canadians been denied an understanding of the history of the relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians? How can this improve in the future?