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Term: Aboriginal

The descendants of the original inhabitants of North America; Canadian constitution recognizes three groups: Indian, Métis, and Inuit.

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Term: Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)

Federal government department delegated jurisdiction over First Nations; formerly known as Indian Affairs.

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Term: Aboriginal Rights

Rights that Aboriginal peoples of Canada hold as a result of their ancestors' longstanding use and occupancy of the land.

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Term: Aboriginal Title

A legal term that recognizes an Aboriginal interest in the land.

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Term: Anishinaabe/Ojibway

First Nations people who reside primarily in southern Manitoba and other parts of Canada and the United States.

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Term: Anishininiw/Oji-Cree

First Nations peoples who combined both the Ojibway and Cree language and grammar into a distinct language and culture in the northeastern part of Manitoba.

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Term: Band

Definition: A body of Indians for whose collective use and benefit lands have been set aside or money is held by the Crown; each has a governing council.

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Term: Creator

Definition: The First Nations' Great Spirit or God.

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Term: Covenant

Definition: An agreement between God and a person or nation.

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Term: Crown

Definition: The monarch, especially as head of state; symbolic representation of the Canadian government.

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Term: Culture

Definition: The customs, history, values, and languages that make up the heritage of people that contribute to their identity.

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Term: Dakota Oyate

Definition: First Nations people who live in southwestern Manitoba; are not Treaty Indians as they did not have a recognized Treaty with the Crown.

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Term: Dene

Definition: The Athaspaskan-speaking peoples of northwestern Canada.

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Term: First Nations

Definition: A term that came into common usage in the 1970's to replace the word "Indian" which some people found offensive.

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Term: Cree/Nehow/Ininiw

Definition: First Nations peoples in Northern and Central Manitoba.

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Term: Identity

Definition: A term used to describe a person's sense of self.

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Term: Indian Act

Definition: Canadian federal legislation, first passed in 1876, that regulates the management of Indian reserve lands, etc.

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Term: Indian Status

Definition: An individual's legal status as an Indian as defined by the Indian Act.

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Term: Inherent rights

Definition: A God/Creator-given right; those rights that exist naturally within a people.

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Term: Nation

Definition: A community of people of mainly a common descent, history, language, and culture who use a particular territory and system of governance.

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Term: Oral History

Definition: A term used to describe the art of passing history, values, and beliefs through the spoken word.

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Term: Oral Traditions

Definition: A term used to describe knowledge that goes back many generations; it may take the form of laws, myths, songs, stories, or fables.

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Term: Reserve

Definition: A tract of land set apart for the use and benefit of an Indian band.

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Term: Royal Proclamation

Definition: A legal document passed in 1763 which established Britain's ownership over all colonies in Canada; established protocols for future negotiations between the Crown and First Nations.

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Term: Self-government

Definition: A government by its own people; self-control.

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Term: Spirit and Intent

Definition: The spoken words, ceremony, and protocol that took place during Treaty-making.

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Term: Terra nullius

Definition: A Latin term meaning “land belonging to no one”; no man’s land.

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Term: Time immemorial

Definition: A time so long past it is indefinite in history; a time before legally fixed dates.

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Term: Traditional Territories

Definition: A term used by First Nations to describe large tracts of land, including waters, used, occupied, and governed by them before the arrival of Newcomers.

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Term: Treaty Indian

Definition: A Status Indian who belongs to a First Nation that signed a Treaty with the Crown.

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Term: Treaties

Definition: Solemn agreements between two or more nations; negotiated in Canada between the Crown and First Nations.

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Term: Treaty Right

Definition: A personal or collective entitlement derived from a Treaty. It includes the right to hunt for themselves and their families.

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Term: Numbered Treaties

Definition: Negotiated between 1871 and 1921, covering the territories from present-day Ontario to Alberta and portions of British Columbia and the Northwest Territories.

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Term: Pre-Confederation Treaties

Definition: Treaties entered into before 1867 (before Canada became a country).