Group 1: What is a treaty?

A written agreement

A partnership

A contract

both parties benefit from it

There are historic treaties and modern-day treaties

two or more parties

Between the First Nations people and the Government Currently
11 treaties
in Canada

About 70 treaties have been signed in Canadian history

Group 2: What are the purposes of treaties?

Meant to allow Indigenous peoples the right to self govern.

Depends on the worldview of who is upholding. Colonizers compared to Indigenous peoples.

Establish boundaries for trading agreements.

Assimilation

A formal agreement to establish an alliance.

Group 3: What conflictions are there in the term "we are all treaty people"?

Not everyone identifies as a treaty person.

Métis did not sign the treaties. This is problematic because not all Métis students identify as treaty people. Newer immigrants may not identify as treaty people.

Group 4: What was intended to come from making the treaties from the side of The Crown?

CBC.ca (May 2011): providing agriculture land, "freeing up land" post american war of independence, advancing colonization in the west

Dominance

Group 5: What was intended to come from making the treaties from the side of the First Nations?

More Autonomy Maintaining their own land, and control over their own land fair trade benefit from crown resources (medicine, education)

Freedom to make their own decisions and govern themselves

create and maintain peaceful and collaborative relationships

protection

prevent assimilation

Group 6: What treaty promises have been met?

Been given Reserve Land Have Hunting and Fishing Rights

Group 7: Why is the fulfillment of our treaty responsibilities important for all Canadians?

If we all are treaty people, we need to act on it

Acknowledging all cultures

It's a way to work towards reconciliation

Being knowledgeable on many different cultures will create an inclusive society Reconciliation shows that we are working towards change

In a classroom setting, you are not just going to have one culture, so you need to be inclusive to different cultures