**SE1 - Explore cultural perspective on sustainability**

Task- Identify multiple perspective that influence environment-related decisions or issues. Both tasks will be completed on google docs.  
  
**Part 1:**  
  
1) You need to choose two of the following four groups of individuals:

* **First Nations and Métis - We respect and honour our Mother Earth. We give thanks for the gifts she gives us. We take only what we need and will use.**
* **Ecologist - We must respect nature. We must leave an area as good as, or better than, we found it.**
* **Utilitarian - As human beings, everything placed on the earth is ours to use as we wish, and for any purpose that we wish. We do not need to apologize or to answer to anyone.**
* **Conservationist - It is important for us to know what the world looked like before we used it as we wanted to. We will develop certain areas that are untouched so that those who come after us can see what it used to look like. As long as we do this, we can use the other parts.**

2) Take a look at the pictures of Saskatchewan landscape at <http://www.coolscapes.sk.ca/index.php>   
  
3) Choose one picture for each of your groups of people. You will need to view sustainability through their lens.  
  
5) Explain what the pictures mean to them. Explain what it means to be sustainable to the group. Give some examples of things they do to conserve their resources. Discuss the pros and cons of each perspective, and the personal, social, and environmental consequences of the actions taken by the people of each perspective etc. **An example would be a mining area might be perceived as destructive from a First Nations and Métis perspective, as money from a utilitarian perspective, and ecologists might want to develop a park on top of the mine.**  
  
**Part 2:**  
  
1) A big oil company from Holland wants to drill for oil on land in your community. You have been asked to prepare a report for the big oil company that will help them understand the background issues. Consider the issue through the lens of First Nations and Métis people, ecologists, utilitarians, and conservationists.

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|  | **Fully meeting expectations with enriched understanding (EU)** | **Fully meeting grade level expectations (FM)** | **Mostly meeting grade level expectations (MM)** | **Not yet meeting grade level expectations (NY)** |
| **Identify multiple perspective that influence environment- related decisions or issues.** | You show a complex understanding of different perspectives on sustainability. Your exploration has not only included the social, economic and political factors that influence perspectives but you have been able to make strong connections between all three aspects as they related to the groups you have studied. You have shown an understanding of the complexity of the topic of sustainability. | You show an understanding of different perspectives on sustainability. In your exploration, you have considered the social, economic and political factors that influence each perspective. You clearly understand sustainability, and how it can mean different things to different people. | You show a partial understanding of the different perspectives on sustainability. You have considered some factors that influence perspectives but continue to explore all of the social, economic and political factors that may affect how different groups define sustainability. Be sure to support your ideas with details and information. | You are having trouble showing an understanding of different perspective on sustainability. Be sure you understand what sustainability may mean to different groups of people. How does society impact various definitions of sustainability? How does the economy? How do politics impact perspectives. Take time to explore one group fully. Extra time for more learning needs to occur. Come and see Mrs. Frisky if you need further assistance. |

* Do you understand what sustainability means?
* How does the definition differ from group to group?
* How does the way a group makes a living impact their definition?
* How do politics affect perspectives? Why?
* How does economy relate to sustainability?
* Have you supported your ideas with details and examples?
* Have you gone to multiple sources for information?