**North East School Division**



**Unpacking Outcomes**

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| **Outcome (stated in its entirety) to be unpacked** |
| **Analyze 🡪 implications (of Treaty relationship)** |
| **Outcome Unpacked** (circle the verb and underline the Nouns/Qualifiers) |
| **DR 4.3 Analyze the implications of the Treaty relationship in Saskatchewan.** |
| **KNOW** | **UNDERSTAND** | **BE ABLE TO DO** |
| * Four nations signed treaties with the British Crown. These nations are the Cree, Dene, Saulteaux and Nakota.
* There are **6 Treaties** that cover all of Saskatchewan: 8, 10, 5, 6, 4, 2
* There are 32 First Nation reserves in Brunswick School’s treaty 6 area. Out of these two are Dakota, one is Saulteaux and the rest are Cree. The reserves that are neighbors to Melfort are James Smith Cree First Nation and the Kinistin Saulteaux First Nation.
* The **new Conservative government’s reasons** for making Treaties in Saskatchewan are:

1. expansion of the west was priority for the new government, 2. accessing land for newcomers because Prime Minister John A. Macdonald’s “National Policy,”envisioned the West as an agricultural producing region full of European immigrants.3. building a railway across Canada that would connect the east and the west in order to ensure that B.C. would remain in Confederation. 4. to avoid Indian Wars that were occurring in the U.S. as the cost and lost lives was too high.* The **British Crown’s reasons** for making treaties with the First Nations are;

1. to gain access to the land in what is now Saskatchewan. 2. The British Crown did not want the U.S to expand its borders into the Canadian west.3. The government recognized the First Nations peoples as land owners who heldnatural title to the land so they made formal treaty arrangements with the First Nationspeoples using the terms set out in the *Royal Proclamation* of 17634. the British recognized the First Nations as sovereign nations with whom the BritishCrown had the authority to make treaties. the **First Nations reasons** for making treaties in Saskatchewan are;1. With their traditional way of life quickly disappearing their livelihood was threatened do they had to look for a new way to make a living because of A. the depletion of natural resources made it very difficult for the First Nations to survive as they had before the arrival of the newcomers B. the disappearance of the buffalo created difficult times for First Nations peoplesC. they were dying from new diseases,2. The decline of the fur trade affected the livelihood of the First Nations in northern areas.3. willing to share the land with newcomers, 4. to avoid Indian Wars that were occurring in the U.S. as loss lives was too high.5. They saw treaties as a bridge to the future and a way to provide for their future generations.An important motive for the First Nations peoples was to negotiate for a better future for their children, their grandchildren and for future generations. The treaty negotiations did not focus on the First Nations’ current situation, which was bleak at the time. **The First Nations’ main concern was for the welfare of their “children yet unborn”** because they knew if they continued to live their lives in the direction they were headed, their people would die because of starvation, sickness, etc.* **The newcomers reasons for making treaties** in Saskatchewan are laid out in the Royal Proclamation of 1763;

1. to prevent wars and establish peaceful relations, 2. to clarify land ownership issues and concerns * To the First Nations people, the spirit and intent of the treaties means;

A. they did not view the treaty process as a surrender of their land, but as an agreement to share the land and its resources with Canadians.b) the treaties are recognition of Indian sovereignty. As long as the treaties continue in existence—despite their flaws—they serve as a continuing recognition of the Indian right to autonomy and self-government.* Provisions of the treaties are the promises made by the crown to the First Nations people; hunting, fishing, trapping rights throughout their traditional territory (not limited to their reserves), ploughs and seed for economic development, reserves as a permanent guarantee of a land base, provision of a medicine chest of free health care services, schools as a guarantee of free education, right to autonomy and self-government, pledged to be allies of the crown forever

TreatyTreaty MapSaskatchewan MapIntentBenefitTreaty RightPromiseNegotiateCreeSaulteauxDene NakotaReserveBritish CrownConflict ResolutionConservative GovernmentJohn A. MacdonaldChiefPipe CeremonyCreatorAgricultureImmigrantsNewcomerConfederationNatural TitleSovereign NationFur TradeRoyal ProclamationPeaceful RelationsOral Tradition | - Treaties are solemn agreements made between two or more sovereign nations.-Interpretations of the Treaties are different for different people but this was not the intention.- These agreements were made between nations who wanted to live in peace with one another. They promised to honour these agreements by signing written documents and participating in First Nations pipe ceremonies. - The promises made in the treaties were to last “as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the rivers flow.” The promises were made between nations with the Creator as witness when they were sealed by sacred pipe ceremonies; this is why treaties are more than a promise. - **It was the British Crown who first initiated treaties** with First Nations peoples because of the growing conflicts over First Nations land. Westward expansion and the need for agricultural land for the newcomers caused increasing dissension between the two groups. **The treaties were a means of conflict resolution.**- The **British Crown and the First Nations had different reasons for wanting to make treaties** with one another. Both parties negotiatedand agreed to Treaties 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 in Saskatchewan. The treaties were to be mutually beneficial to the British Crown, the newcomers and First Nations peoples- **While the federal government relied on written documents, the First Nations relied on oral traditions** regarding the **“spirit and intent**” of treaties . The federal government and the First Nations do not agree on the spirit and intent of the treaties because the First Nations believed the written documents do not capture the full reasons and promises agreed to according to the oral tradition of the First Nations. The Supreme Court of Canada agrees that the oral interpretation must be treated as equally correct and valid as the written words.- The First Nations honored their treaty promises to live in peace and friendship and to share the land with the newcomers. The British Crown, on the other hand, has not fulfilled its treaty promises. It created the *Indian Act* in 1876 to control the lives of First Nations peoples. This policy has far reaching impacts on the First Nations that will continue to hinder the treaty relationship envisioned by the ancestors of both parties as long as it treats First Nations peoples as wards of the government.Benefits:- A **Treaty Right** is a personal or collective entitlement derived from a Treaty. For example, in Saskatchewan, Treaty First Nations have certain entitlements that flow from the Treaties, such as annuities, provisions for land and the right to hunt for themselves and their families. Other Canadians also have rights that come from the Crown signing Treaties, such as the right to settle and make a living on the land agreed to in the Treaties.- Treaties benefit all Canadians. Two parties are required to make a Treaty, with both parties having obligations and benefits that derive from the Treaty. In Saskatchewan, the Treaties contained benefits for both settlers and First Nations. **First Nations received annuities, education, reserves, as well as farming assistance**. **Settlers received access to farmland and resources, as well as the peace and goodwill of First Nations.** | - locate the six Treaty areas in Saskatchewan- locate reserves within the Treaty area of my school- investigate the reasons for Treaty negotiations in Saskatchewan- research the meaning of “spirit and intent” in the Treaties- research what provisions and materials were promised in the Treaties- assess the benefits of Treaties to all Saskatchewan people |
| **ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS** |
| What is a treaty?Why were treaties made? What does “we are all treaty people” mean? Why is it so important?Why are treaties still important today?How have people interpreted Treaties differently? Why?How were Treaties negotiated? How did the parties come together? | **Big Idea:** Treaties will last “as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the rivers flow.”  |