**The Indian Act Research and Viewing Activity**

**Research**

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| Synopsis:  What is the Indian Act and when was it issued? | |
| What was the role of the Royal Proclamation, 1763 in the creation of future treaties? |  |
| What is enfranchisement? |  |
| What kinds of powers did the Indian Act grant the government?   * What was the purpose of the Act? * What was restricted under the Act? |  |
| What were some of the findings of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples?   * How could status be lost? |  |
| What was the White Paper, 1969?   * Who issued it? * What was its purpose? |  |
| What types of powers does the Indian Act continue to have? |  |

**Viewing**

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| What are some of the beliefs about Aboriginal people outside of the Aboriginal community? |

1. What did John A. MacDonald want the Indian Act to do?
2. How is the experience of most European settlers who started out with nothing different than the Aboriginal peoples who also often started with nothing?
3. What types of tax breaks do Aboriginal peoples receive?
4. What is one of the things that make the Canadian experience of settling the land different than that of the United States?
5. What were some of the demands of the treaties, and how did the First Nations peoples prepare for the negotiations of the treaties?
6. Most of the promises made in the treaties are not being met. What should be the response of the government? of Canadians?