**The Indian Act Research and Viewing Activity**

Watch Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s apology to victims of Canada’s Residential Schools system.

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| Respond: |

**Research**

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| Synopsis:  What is the Indian Act and when was it issued?  In what year was the Indian Act amended? | |
| Denied women status.   * What is “status?” * What was the discrepancy between men and women? |  |
| Introduced Residential Schools.   * Why were residential schools established? |  |
| Created Reserves.   * What was the purpose of the reserves? |  |
| Renamed Individuals with European Names.   * Why were they given European names? |  |
| Restricted First Nations From Leaving Without Permission.   * What is enfranchisement? * Why were they restricted from leaving? * What happened to some First Nations veterans? |  |
| Enforced Enfranchisement of Any First Nations Admitted to University.   * Why? |  |
| Could Expropriate Portions of Reserves.   * What was the result of this policy? |  |
| Could Lease Out Uncultivated Reserve Lands to Non-First Nations.   * How was this manipulated to benefit non-First Nations farmers? |  |
| Forbade First Nations From Forming Political Organizations.   * How did First Nations get around this rule? |  |
| Prohibiting Anyone From Soliciting Funds For Legal Claims Without a Special License.   * What was the purpose of this rule? |  |
| Prohibited the sale of alcohol, ammunition and entrance to pool halls.   * Why? |  |
| Imposed “Band Council” System.   * What’s one of the biggest problems with this system? |  |
| Forbade First Nations language, religion, traditional regalia, and cultural ceremonies.   * What is ‘cultural genocide?’ |  |
| Denied First Nations the Right to Vote.   * Why couldn’t they vote? |  |