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