TREATY RELATIONS COMMISSION OF MANITOBA

TREATY EDUCATION
Film Viewing Guide

Honouring the Gift of the Treaties



About the film

Treaty Commissioner Loretta Ross is joined by Dr. Elder Harry Bone, Elder Florence Paynter, and Drs. Jean Friesen, Maureen Matthews, and Niigaan Sinclair as they reflect on the foundation of Treaties and the importance of maintaining relationships with the Creator, the land, and all Canadians as Treaty partners.

Film host Ivana Yellowback ties the interviews together from the ship *Nonsuch* at the Manitoba Museum while Commissioner Ross joins from the Agowiidiwinan Centre at the Forks.

Additional to the engaging interviews, the film features historical film clips, maps, and images.

Watch:

TRCM website -- https://trcm.ca/start-a-discussion/videos/
You Tube -- https://youtu.be/lV1giXgWOiM?si=kif4YWkslvc0kzGe

Film length:
11 min 37 sec

Recommended ages:
14-18 years old

School subjects:
Social studies, history, Indigenous Studies

Keywords:
Treaty, kinship, Crown, Indian Act, 'spirit and intent', worldview, *Mino-pimatisiwin*

Discussion Questions

Before Viewing the Film

- What does the phase 'We are All Treaty People' mean to you?

After Viewing the Film

- The film's title is *Honouring the Gift of the Treaties.* In what ways can we honour the Treaties?
- Define the word 'gift'. How are the Treaties a gift to Canadians?

FILM VIEWING WORKSHEET

As you watch the film *Honouring the Gift of the Treaties*, answer the following questions.

1. *Agowiidiwinan* is an Anishinaabe word. What does it mean in English? [at 0:15]

2. First Nations' laws in regard to Treaty-making required a number of protocols. What were these? [at 2:09]

3. After the Peguis-Selkirk Treaty in 1817, there were many changes. Why did First Nations want a new relationship with the Crown? [at 3:06]

4. By the 1870's what factors motivated the Crown to make Treaties with First Nations? [at 3:17]

5. What harmful policies did the Indian Act bring in? [at 4:48]

6. What was the 'good life' as intended by the Treaties? [at 7:05]

7. What was the original intent of the Treaties 150 years ago? [at 8:18]