

Comparing Crown-Indigenous Relationships in Canada and Greenland

Backgrounder:

Kalaallit are the Indigenous people of Greenland, making up 89% of the island's population. They refer to themselves and their land (Greenland) as *Kalaallit* and *Kalaallit Nunaat*, meaning "Land of the Greenlanders".

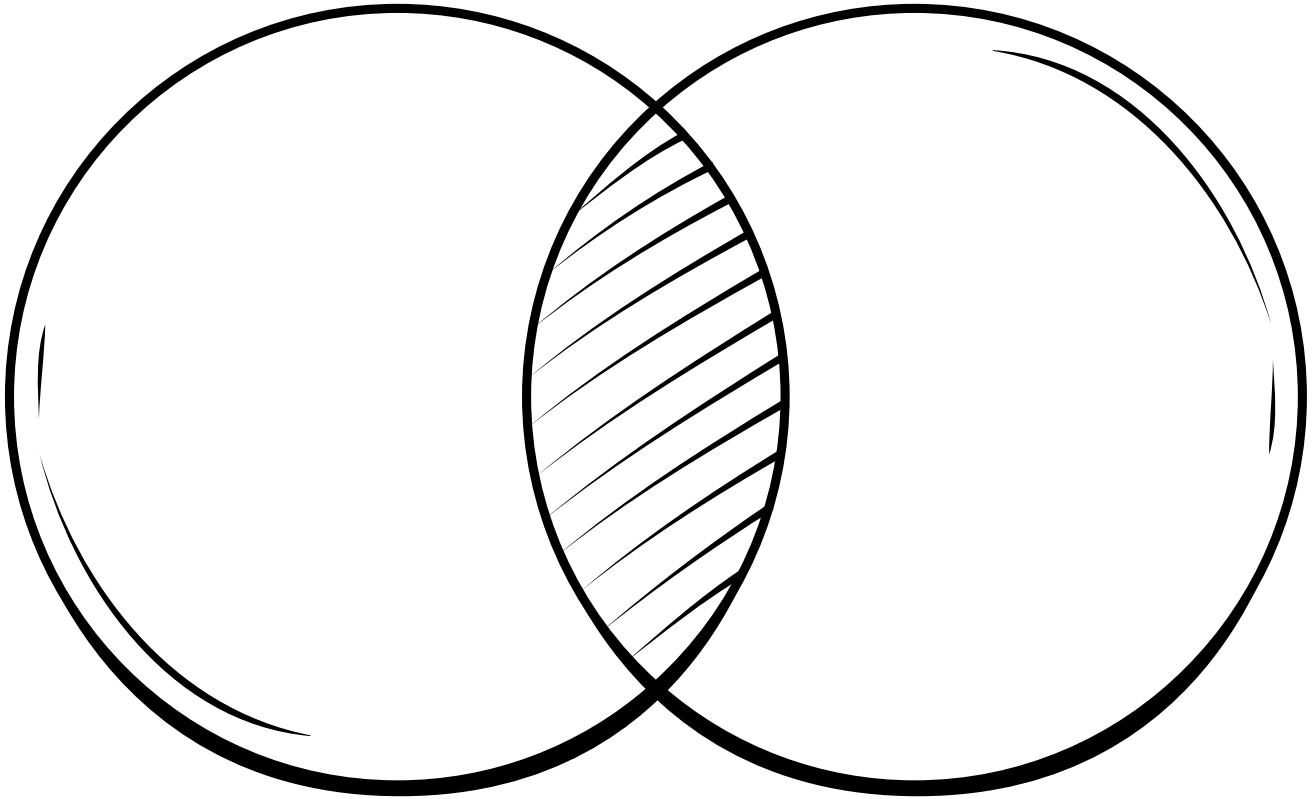
Unlike First Nations in Manitoba and other parts of Canada, the Kalaallit do not have a Treaty with Denmark. Their relationship with Denmark is based on colonial incorporation and later autonomy legislation, not Treaty-making.

Unlike Britain and France in North America, the Kalaallit and Denmark never negotiated nation-to-nation agreements. Instead, the relationship followed this pattern:

- 1721-1953: Colonial rule without Treaties
- 1953: Greenland incorporated into the Danish Realm (unilaterally)
- 1979: Home Rule Act
- 2009: Self-Rule Act



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Assignment:

Your task is to compare the Kalaallit Nunaat (Greenland) 2009 Self-Rule Act with the Numbered Treaties. Rather than Treaties, you may wish to explore and compare Dakota self-government in Manitoba, involving the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, which signed a Self-Government Agreement in 2013.

Use the Venn Diagram to illustrate your research and understandings.

