

Treaty Education for All



An Information Series
for All Staff
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What is a Treaty?

Treaties are nation-to-nation agreements to end wars, begin trade relationships, establish borders, or for other reasons. This international practice goes back thousands of years.

Long before colonization, communities of First Nations across North America negotiated between one another to **SHARE** land and resources, establish peace, and/or trade relationships. These agreements were often revisited and renegotiated.

Beginning in 1871, the Government of Canada negotiated a series of Numbered Treaties with First Nations in Manitoba to secure lands for non-Indigenous settlers. These treaties became a fundamental part of Canadian law.

DID YOU KNOW . . .



The [website](#) of the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba provides easy to understand information about treaties.



The [Agowiidiwinan Centre](#) at The Forks in Winnipeg offers visitors a self-guided tour through Indigenous history and the Treaties.



The Province of Manitoba's [Treaty Education For All Plan](#) requires that all teachers, school staff, and students receive Treaty Education by December 31, 2025.



In Anishinaabe inaakonigewin [law], relationships never end. They are constantly fostered, redefined, re-examined, and renegotiated. They must be tended, fuelled, nurtured, or simmered. They morph and evolve over time. The treaty is a relationship, which has no end.

Aimee Craft, author of Treaty Words, 2021
(As quoted by The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba)

To Learn More:

From the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba:

- See their monthly Newsletters, [Wetutoskimetowin: 'To Work on it Together'](#). (You can join their email list [here](#).)
- View their online [Videos](#) and [Webinars](#)
- See also their PowerPoint Presentations [for Grade 3 to 6](#) and for [Grade 7 to 12](#)
- And their interactive [Treaty maps, timelines, and stories](#)

For In-School Support:

The Indigenous Way of Life Team has four catalyst teachers trained to help facilitate the delivery and localization of Treaty Education in our schools. To book, contact:

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