First Nations Treaties Worksheet

Use the supplementary worksheet provided, pages 179-182, and Mr. Chau’s powerpoint on the website to help you complete the following worksheet.

1. **What are four reasons the First Nations sign the treaties?** (4)

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| **Canada did not allow negotiations****They thought that the Canadian government would follow through with what they promised****Buffalo hunt was declining and would like another alternative (farming) to help them survive.****They were not against new Canadian settlers as long as they get to keep their traditional lifestyle and their rights.** |

1. **What is the definition of a treaty?** (1)

**They are official agreements between the federal government and First Nations where First Nations give up their land rights in exchange for money and other forms of government assistance.**

1. **Using your supplementary info sheet, complete the chart below. Indicate which parts of the land the Canadian government acquired:** (4)

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| Treaty One | **Covers the old boundary of Manitoba that surrounds the Red River Settlement.** |
| Treaty Two | **Areas that were needed for new settlers to expand and settle in the west and north of the old Manitoba provincial boundaries.** |
| Treaty Three to Seven | **Covered much of the rest of the prairies (Sask/Alta) and NWT****Takes into account which areas have bison declining which means land is available to be settled.** |

1. **What was the significance of Treaty Six**? (2)

**Shows that the First Nations wanted guarantees that assistance would be provided if they gave up land. (Wanted to keep their people away from hunger due to the declining bison numbers.)**

**Shows that the First Nations drafted conditions that ask for farming assistance in the forming of mentoring and equipment for 3 years.**

1. **In the Indian Act what are two major components that govern the life of First Nations**? (2)

**Must live on reserves.**

**Must go to residential schools to assimilate into Canadian culture.**

1. **What does “assimilate” mean?** (1)

**To replace one’s culture and beliefs with another in hopes to erase the culture they had before.**