

BLM 7.4 1764: An Enduring Relationship - Activity Sheet

The historic link between the Crown and the First Nations people is strong, and something that I hold dear to my heart.

The Duke of Cambridge
Haida Gwaii, British Columbia, September 30th, 2016

It is often easy to see the Crown and our Queen as a far off and detached symbol. Yet beyond the role I play as the Sovereign's representative in Nova Scotia, there is a very special connection that exists between the Mi'kmaq Nation and Her Majesty.

Brigadier-General The Honourable John James Grant, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia
Government House, Halifax, Nova Scotia, November 23rd, 2016

Based on the class discussion and activity, complete the following questions. Use "Ties of Kinship" on page 23 - 25 as a reference as well:

1. When you see Treaties as relationships, how does that change your perspective of Canada's interaction with First Nations Peoples?
2. How would you describe these acts, given that they are being done by one Treaty partner to another: *British North America Act (1867)*, *Indian Act (1876)* and the Indian Residential School Program?
3. What are some things that the Queen and her Canadian representatives could do to highlight the nation-to-nation relationship created by Treaties such as the 1764 Treaty of Niagara?
4. What do the authors of the article mean by this statement: "The Treaty of Niagara is seen by some as the marking of the true founding of Canada."? Explain in detail with concrete examples.