

Self-Determination / Self-Government

We will discuss the questions in Part I during our Zoom class.

We will also discuss the document in Part II during Zoom and then you will send me an email answering the two questions at the bottom of the page.

PART I

1. What is the difference between self-determination and self-government?
2. With how many Aboriginal communities has Canada signed self-government agreements?
3. What is unique about the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement?
4. What are some of the jurisdictions (areas of responsibility) Aboriginal groups gain control over as the result of a self-government agreement?
5. What are sectoral negotiations?
6. What is good governance? How is it achieved? What are the benefits of good governance?
7. What is accountability? How is it achieved? Why is it an important aspect of self-government?

PART II

"Declaration of the First Nations," adopted in 1980 by all of the First Nations in Canada at a conference of the Assembly of First Nations.

Declaration of the First Nations

"We the Original Peoples of this Land know the Creator put us here.

The Creator has given us Laws that govern all our relationships to live in harmony with nature and mankind.

The Laws of the Creator defined our rights and responsibilities.

The Creator gave us our spiritual beliefs, our languages, our cultures, and a place on Mother Earth that provided us with all our needs.

We have maintained our freedom, our languages, and our traditions from time immemorial.

We continue to exercise the rights and fulfill the responsibilities and obligations given to us by the Creator for the land upon which we were placed.

The Creator has given us the right to govern ourselves and the right to self-determination.

The rights and responsibilities given to us by the Creator cannot be altered or taken away by any other Nation."

Send me an email answering the following questions.

- What does this declaration say about how First Nations see themselves?
- Where does the right to self-government and self-determination come from?