

Alternative to the Immigration Assignment for First Nations Students

Value: 50 marks

Due:

Immigration to Canada has had a huge impact on First Nations people. In this assignment, you are to investigate the impact that it has had on your family and your particular nation. Part of this assignment requires that you investigate your own family roots, the rest asks you to come to grips with how non-aboriginal settlement has changed your world.

Part 1. (home research):

Investigate your family. Create a family tree that shows your family and your place in it from as far back as you are able to trace. Be sure to note whether your family originated in this particular area or came from elsewhere. If you originated elsewhere, you will focus your research on that locality.

Create a map showing the traditional lands of your nation as best as you can determine. Conduct library or internet searches to determine this, or contact your band office for information.

Determine, if possible, how your family's lifestyle has altered since the arrival of settlers. How is your life different from that of your ancestors?

Part 2. (library research):

Do some background research on your particular nation. How important was it in the big scheme of things. Was it tremendously influential in its region, or was it less significant than surrounding nations. Explain.

On a second map, show existing native settlement patterns in the area and show where non-aboriginal settlement has taken place.

How has settlement affected the fortunes of your nation? Are your people as a whole better or worse off than they were before non-aboriginal settlement?

What is the status of your particular nation in the current land claims negotiations? Is it engaged in land claims or not? What lands are currently claimed? Do you feel that this is justifiable?