

Consequences of Colonization

First Nations communities experienced many types of loss as a result of colonialism.

Some of the main causes of these losses are colonization; racism; settlement; Indian Act; and Indian Residential Schools.

Record ways that these causes brought about the following cultural losses.

1. Loss of children from communities.
2. Loss of life due to unknown diseases.
3. Loss of land and resources which were the foundations of First Nations life.
4. Loss of spiritual and sacred places on the land, which were not only taken away, but desecrated.
5. Loss of language and cultural traditions.
6. Loss of self-reliance and independence.
7. Loss of opportunity and potential.