

# Self-Determination for Aboriginal Peoples

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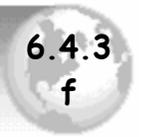
Once Europeans settled in Canada, the Aboriginal peoples who were already living here lost a great deal of their independence, cultural identity, and self-government.

The importance of Aboriginal self-determination has been recognized by the government of Canada, and the process of changing government and laws that affect the rights of Aboriginal peoples has begun. Using the chart below, describe what self-determination means for the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples of Canada.



| Elements involved in self-determination                                   | How would these elements change? |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Education   |                                  |
| Culture and Identity  |                                  |
| Natural Resource Use<br>(fishing, hunting trapping, control of resources) |                                  |

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| Elements involved in self-determination | How would these elements change? |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Land Claims / Treaty Rights             |                                  |
| Freedoms, Rights, Responsibilities      |                                  |
| Government                              |                                  |