

Equals and Allies, Free and Independent

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An important principle of democracy is that all human beings are equal, and entitled to certain basic freedoms and rights, including the right to have a voice in decisions that affect them.

Complete the chart below as you think about this principle.

Personal Reflection

How do I know when I am being treated as an equal and as a friend?

How do I know when I am being treated as a free and independent person?

General Characteristics

What are the conditions needed for people to be treated as equals?

What are the conditions needed for people to be treated as free and independent?

Examples in History

An historical example where First Peoples have been viewed as equals and allies:

An historical example where First Peoples have been viewed as dependents and inferiors:



Find a current newspaper clipping of an example of First Peoples affirming their rights to be treated as equals and allies, and as free and independent citizens in Canadian democratic society.