



6B Social Studies Aboriginals Inquiry Project



Greetings, young Ambassadors!

I have forwarded to Lady Maryam the three-part research assignment I wish you to complete. Your findings will be instrumental in helping me learn more about Aboriginals in Canada, past and present.

I am forever indebted to you,

Sir Ott Awah
Fictional Prime Minister of Canada

Part I: Aboriginal group in the PAST

due November 19, 2014

Done in pairs

- Your task is to pick ONE Aboriginal group (e.g. Ojibwa, Chipewyan, Haida) and show me how they lived in the past (pre-20th century).
- You must report on at least *six topics*, including
 - Homes
 - Transportation
 - Food
 - Clothing
 - Festivals and traditions
 - Language
- If you can think of anything else, please include it.
- Remember, in Social Studies this year you are expected to ask your own questions and drive some of your own research! Lady Maryam is here to guide you if needed 😊
- I am leaving the presentation of your research up to you. You can make a:
 - Powerpoint
 - Diorama or model (w/ written explanation)
 - Talk show or other skit

- Written report alone
 - Tableau (w/ written report)
 - Poem
 - Anything else you can think of! Please see Lady Maryam to confirm it is okay.
- You can visit these links to help you choose an Aboriginal group:
 - <http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/aboriginal-people/>
 - <http://firstpeoplesofcanada.com/index.html>
 - <https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100013785/1304467449155>

Part II: Aboriginal group in the PRESENT due December 3, 2014

Done in pairs

- Looking at the SAME Aboriginal group, please now tell me:
 - What are their
 - Homes
 - Transportation
 - Food
 - Clothing
 - Festivals and traditions
 - Language
 Like NOW (21st century)
- This can be in Powerpoint or written format
 - How many do they number? Are most in urban settings or on reserves? What are the demographics (age groups in the population)
 - Have any members of this group made any significant contributions to Canada (e.g. famous members)? Please report on them.
 - Has this group been in the news lately? Lady Maryam will teach you how to search for this. Do they have a website?
 - How is this group adapting to the 21st century?
 - You must also include a one-page reflection on how you feel this group has been treated in the present.

Part III: Research on one current Aboriginal issue due Dec. 17, 2014

Done individually

You will pick ONE current issue (e.g. mold in schools, pipelines being built through Aboriginal land) from a list Lady Maryam will provide you with in December.

You will thoroughly research this issue and report back about:

1. What is the issue?
 2. Why is it significant?
 3. What are the Aboriginal communities affected saying about this?
 4. What has the government done about it?
 5. What are your suggestions?
 6. Reflection.
- This can be done in Powerpoint format or written report format.

Rubrics and marking schemes will be provided to you shortly.

All projects MUST include a bibliography. No plagiarism! See Lady Maryam if you need help putting things in your own words.