

For the child taken, For the parent left behind.





Truth vs Proof





Indian Residential Schools



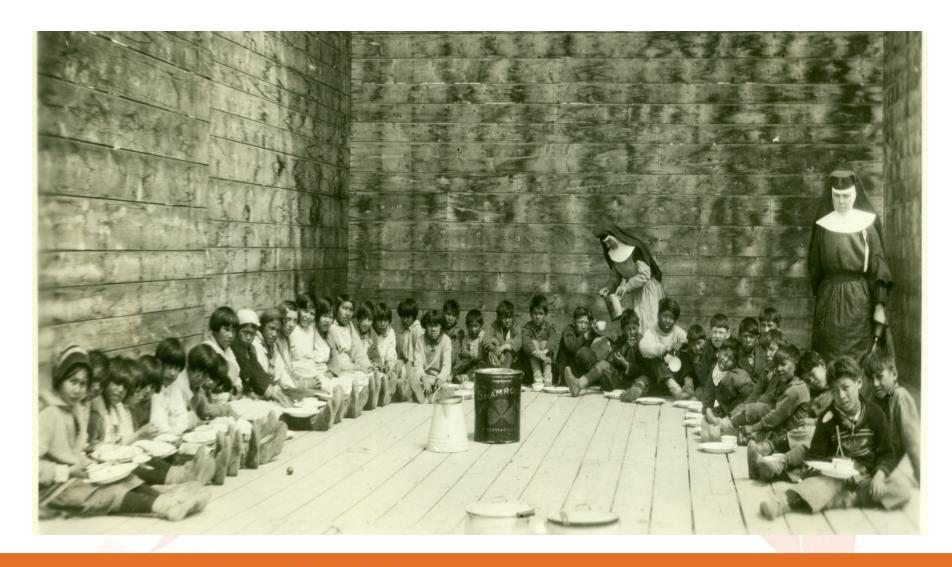


To Kill the Indian in the Child





Abusive Conditions





Deaths





Settlement Agreement

Five Components:

- 1. Common Experience Payment
- 2. Individual Assessment Process
- 3. Aboriginal Healing Foundation Fund
- 4. Commemoration Initiatives
- 5. Truth and Reconciliation Commission



TRC Mandate

Schedule N of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement.

Prohibited from:

- 1) Holding "formal" hearings
- 2) Acting like a Public Inquiry
- 3) Conducting a "formal legal process"
- 4) Compelling attendance
- 5) Making findings of misconduct, civil or criminal liability



Principles

- Accessibility
- Victim-Centred
- Do No Harm
- Heath and Safety of Participants
- Open and Honourable Process
- Inclusive
- Holistic
- Just and Fair
- Respectful
- Flexible



Goals of the TRC

- Acknowledge Residential School Experiences, impacts and consequences
- Provide a holistic, culturally appropriate and safe setting for former students, their families, and communities as they come forward to the Commission



Duties

The Commission shall recognize:

- The unique experiences of First Nation, Inuit and Metis former IRS students
- The significance of Aboriginal oral and legal traditions in its activities
- That all individual statements are of equal importance



Truth Sharing

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EVIDENCE?

A system of rules and standards that is used to determine proof

Drums
Eagle Feathers
Sacred Medicines
Witnessing
Family Narratives, Blankets



DO NO HARM

No Lawyers

No Examinations

No Cross Examinations

No Interruptions

You witnessed Truth Sharing from a Survivor who chose what to share at that moment.



WITNESSING

The important role of the witness is based on the Aboriginal principle of witnessing.

Witnesses are called upon to be the keepers of history when an event of historic significance occurs.

Having honoured and respected guests to witness Truth Sharing is the means by which such truths are validated and provided legitimacy.



I LOST MY TALK

I lost my talk
The talk that you took away
When I was a little girl
At Shubenacadie school

You snatched it away
I speak like you
I think like you
I create like you
The scrambled ballad, about my world

Two ways I talk

Both ways I say

Your way is more powerful

So gently I offer my hand and ask
Let me find my talk
So I can teach you about me

Rita Joe