

# **Crim/INDG 419: Aboriginal/Indigenous Justice**

## **Assignment 1: Due 10 October 2023**

Below are three questions pertaining to the first part of our course, which dealt with the history of Indigenous/settler relations, particularly in what we now call Canada. Your task for Assignment 1 is to **pick one of the two** and respond in **no more than 2000 words** (about 8 double-spaced pages). Think carefully about what is important to include, and be prepared to edit your draft(s) to keep within that space. Keep in mind that the purpose of the assignment is largely for you to show me that you have done and understand the various readings and other course materials, so do be sure to incorporate whichever course readings, videos, powerpoints and discussion you feel are relevant to responding to the question; you shouldn't need any references outside those on our course web page. Referencing can be done according to whatever system you usually use (APA, ASA, legal/historical); your list of references do not count as part of your word count.

Please make clear which question you are responding to. Your responses are **due by 11:59:59 P.M. on Friday, October 10**. They should be submitted electronically to [palys@sfu.ca](mailto:palys@sfu.ca) as an email attachment. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions about the assignment. Please use the following format for your file name:

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**Pick any ONE of the following two:**

**1. An Unjust Society?** Harold Cardinal (1969) begins *The Unjust Society* with the following sentence: "The history of Canada's Indians is a shameful chronicle of the white man's disinterest, his deliberate trampling of Indian rights and his repeated betrayal of our trust." Do those three assertions pretty much summarize the history (both pre- and post-confederation) and current state of Indigenous/settler relations in this place we now call Canada? Explain by addressing each of his allegations.

**2. The Royal Proclamation** and the **Two Row Wampum** are foundational documents for Canada in many ways. What relationship between settler and Indigenous Peoples do they envision? Has Canada lived up to its role within that relationship? Make sure you include reference to Canada's behaviour/policies regarding any two of the following policy areas in your answer: (1) identity; (2) education; (3) land rights.