**Indian Act of 1876 Worksheet**

*"The great aim of our legislation has been to do away with the tribal system and assimilate the Indian people in all respects with the other inhabitants of the Dominion as speedily as they are fit to change.”* - John A Macdonald, 1887

A Status Indian is one whose band signed a land treaty. In this document these are the ‘bands’. A Non-Status Indian is one whose band did not sign a land treaty. In this document these are the ‘irregular bands’. Remember, today we don’t use the word “Indian” to talk about Indigenous People.

1)    Define the following terms:

a.    Annuities

b.    Illegitimate Child

c.     Cease

d.    Vested in

e.    Chattel

f.      Devolve

g.    Mortgages

h.    Void

i.      Revoke

j.      Trespasses

k.     Forfeit

l.      Arbitrator

m.   Trusteeship

n.    Liable

o.    Misdemeanor

p.    Annuities

q.    Incur

r.     Acquisition

s.     Enfranchisement

2)    List the rights and responsibilities of the Superintendent General (modern Indian Agent)

3)    List the rights taken away from the First Nations

4)    How could someone lose their Indian Status?

  5)    List any rights given to the First Nations

6)  What is the meaning of #38?

7) See amendments #3 and 4 and discuss in your groups. Why would the Government deem it necessary to ban culture?