BCFNS 12

**Topic: Explain the impact of the Indian Act on the lives of First Nations over time.**

Thesis statements:

1. The impact on the First Nations when the Indian Act was introduced was huge.

2. The Indian Act caused First Nations to be limited to a whole bunch of things causing their culture to become weaker or smaller and making their lives harder.

3. The Indian Act gave the government full control over First Nations people, so in no way did it help them it just made their lives worse.

4. In 1876, the Indian Act was passed. This Act gave legal power to the government to control the lives of the First Nations communities across the country.

5. The Indian Act was yet another document forced upon the First Nations people by the government to show their power.

6. The Act took away First Nation people’s culture, land and respect; it took away their dignity.