Social Studies 10-1

Unit 2: Legacies of historical globalization

Contemporary legacies

Legacies of policy

- Children in residential schools were punished for speaking Indigenous languages and were kept away from their families.
- Status rules from the Indian Act still shape legal identity for many First Nations people.
- A border drawn in the colonial era can decide which workers and which goods pass a customs gate today.

Old rules in the present

- Residential schools broke family teaching of language, and many communities are rebuilding that teaching now.
- The Indian Act's status rules still sort records, membership debates, and access to programs.
- Borders, official languages, and trade routes drawn in imperial times still move goods and people.

Key terms

residential school

A residential school was a boarding institution, funded by the Canadian state and run largely by churches, that separated Indigenous children from their families and languages.

legacy

A legacy is a result of an older policy that still shapes law, language, land, or trade.

status

Status under the Indian Act is a legal category that decides who the federal government recognizes under that law, with effects on rights and records.

language hierarchy

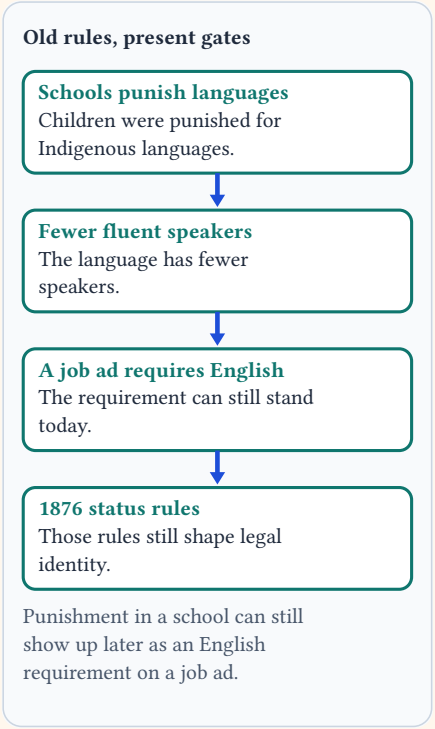
A language hierarchy is a ranking, often made by schools and hiring rules, that treats one language as the default for public life.

Policy and present rules

- Start with the policy: the school system or the Act.
- Name the present issue: language loss, a membership dispute, or a border delay.
- Say how that issue touches globalization: media, work permits, trade, or schooling across countries.

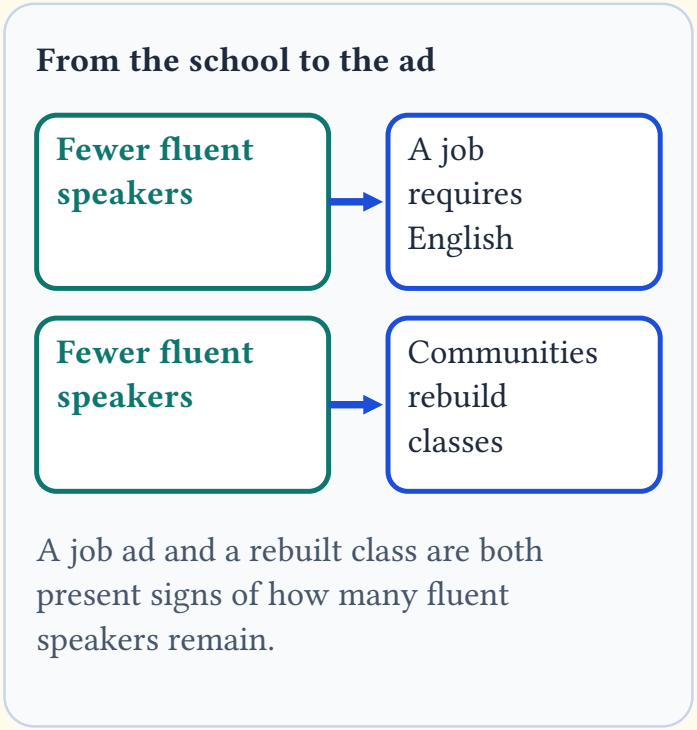
Legacy table

- Residential schools: the present issue is trauma and interrupted language, and communities respond with survivor testimony and language classes.
- Indian Act status: the present issue is a legal category that still sorts rights and records.
- Colonial borders and official languages: the present issue is a gate that decides whose goods, workers, and words move easily.



Language loss and employment

- Policy: residential schools punished children for speaking their languages.
- Present issue: fewer fluent speakers, and heavy work for communities rebuilding classes.
- Globalization link: a hiring rule or a media market that treats English as the default public language.



A divided homeland

- The Canada-United States border crosses territories nations used before either state.
- A family may need a passport to visit relatives a short drive away.
- Goods can face duties on a route people once traveled as one homeland.

Review

- Pick either status rules or a language requirement.
- Give the older policy that fed it.
- Give the present global setting where it still sorts people.