Community History of Lutsel K'e N.W.T.

What are all the things that have happened in and with the people of Lutsel K'e in the past 200 years?

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Pre-Treaty - Traditional Lifestyle Era - Real Dene People - Total Self-Government

Trauma Yrs. - Intro. of European life & Influences Turning Point - Way of Thinking Colonization -

Being Ashamed - Adapting Coming into Town Centralization

Lost Identity Noticeable Impact of Alcohol Economic Development

Restoration & Recovery

On-top Voices Heard Respect each other Return to Self-Gov Coexistence

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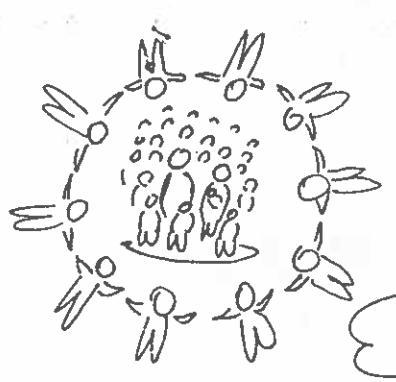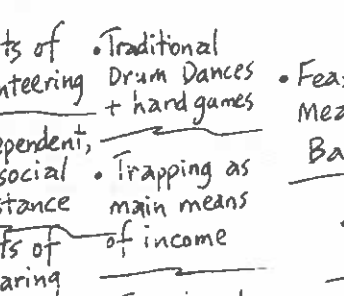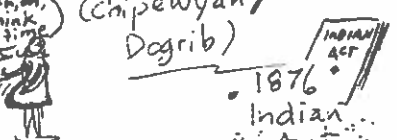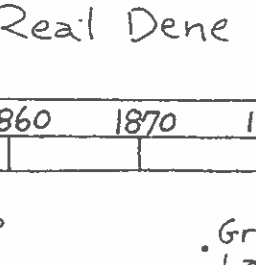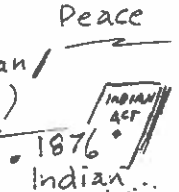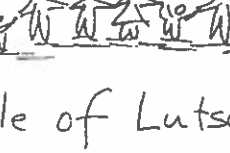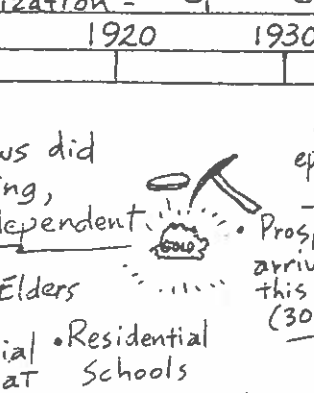
- Forest Fires Murky Channel
- Birch Bark Canoes with Spruce Gum
- Fish Nets made with roots
- Traditional Clothing
- Hide Teepees
- People listened to one another - bartering
- Parents take family on land
- Young people learned about roles/responsibilities about who they are
- People helped each other whether you're white or not
- Traditional Medicine practices (alot)
- Traditional Medicine plants + sweatlodge
- Children spoke Chipewyan
- Hand games frequent
- Nomadic Lifestyle
- People had a lot of personal pride
- Competition on fur ceasing
- Everyone had snowshoes cause people walked alot
- Before dogs people pulled possessions on sled
- Animal bones used to make tools
- Equal partnership (outside/inside)
- Visiting the Old Lady at the Falls
- Preparation for war against Dogrib (at old Fort Reliance)
- Lots of Volunteering
- Independent, No social assistance
- Lots of Sharing
- People respected whether you're an Elder, youth or adults
- Roles and responsibilities were different - partnership
- Using materials from the land No store
- Small pox 1820
- Chimney at Tache
- Conflict with Dogribs
- Shaman telling prophecies
- Only basic gear when Travelling
- Medicine people: good / bad
- Traditional Drum Dances + hand games
- Trapping as main means of income
- Traditional medicine woman practicing in community
- People made their own bone games, their own nets/canoes
- Feasts Meat & Bannock
- Midwifery practiced
- Father participates in delivery with mid-wife
- Dog Teams introduced
- Peace Treaty (Chipewyan / Dogrib)
- Great Law of Peace
- 1876 Indian Act
- Birch Syrop
- Tedacho
- Sacred Law "As long as the sun shines, the grass grows..."
- Inter-marriages frowned upon/ discouraged
- White Trappers teaching people to make brew
- Elders tell stories: role in adapting
- White people trapping
- Missionaries arrived
- Very Strong church participation
- Fur Traders learn to speak Chipewyan
- Dog blankets beaded (embroidered)
- David Liard
- Influenza epidemic (1800's)
- Death & Burial of families
- Moving camp by dog team
- Living at Reliance
- Treaty 8, 1899-90
- Trading at Fort Reliance
- Some Elders were in residential school at Fort Resolution
- Residential Schools
- Old community was formed
- People used to dress up for Christmas
- People were conscious of special holidays
- Cycle of sexual abuse begins
- Still living on the land
- People lived on the barren land Whitefox
- Reuniting with families
- Following the group, moving
- Building house/Teepee with logs + moss
- Returning hunters ~ sharing meat ~
- Meeting the Bishop
- Gathering at Deninu Kue
- Widows did hunting, independent
- First contact with canvass (1920's)
- First Store
- Arranged marriages by Elders/parents
- Young men on first kill - the community had a feast recognition to become a man
- RCMP station in Fort Reliance
- Hudson's Bay Co. (in 30's-40's)
- Loss of Traditional teachings (respect)
- Thelon Game Sanctuary created 1927
- Alcohol first comes to Yellowknife
- Hunting with nets
- Flu epidemic -1934
- Prospectors arrive in this country (30's-40's)
- First airplane
- Fiddle dances started
- People began drinking
- Adults begin to drink at dances
- Young people saw lots of infidelity
- People move to Lutsel K'e fur trading post
- Stark Lake mine 1945
- Common law relationships
- Parents took us to school by boat
- War: 'Hudson's Bay came to take over Trading post
- Wage economy - commercial fishing
- People lived in Artillery Lake
- 1947 Move from Artillery Lake to Lutsel K'e
- Residential School moves from Fort Resolution in 1957
- Courting practices
- First School
- Move from old community to new community
- Plummer's Lodge
- First Plane arrives when mine opened (employment 1950's)
- Chief Election custom by consensus
- Liquor opened for Indians 1952
- Church built 1957
- Social Welfare
- Frontier Lodge
- Emerence Lockhart (Yam Kovy) First Grad 1961 Gr. 12
- Generation Gap
- Nursing Station
- 1967 Mayors & Councils
- Dene midwifery in community
- Loss of language begins
- FAS/FAE
- School built in Lutsel K'e (started in a tent)
- National Indian Brotherhood (Dene Nation)
- Annual summer trek to Reliance People from YK/ Rae
- T.V. came in early 60's
- Taltson Dam 1962
- Moss diapers no longer used
- First contact with "grass"
- First contact with automobiles 1975
- First Rock Band
- Russian Satellite 1978
- First Ski-doo 1970
- Land claims + Treaty land Entitlement - Dene Nation
- East arm proposed park
- Marie Rabesca 104 yrs old
- Prohibition 1978
- Residential Schools close
- Alcohol Conference 1980
- Lack of understanding between Elders-youth
- Today Women are more independent
- Lutsel K'e Healing Journey: Stoney Medicine Lodge 1989
- Sobriety Clause 1989
- BHP 1995-96
- Elsie Casaway gets her Political Science Degree 1992/93
- Justice Committee 1993
- Health Transfer
- Grade Ex. 10 1998
- Gov't pull out of