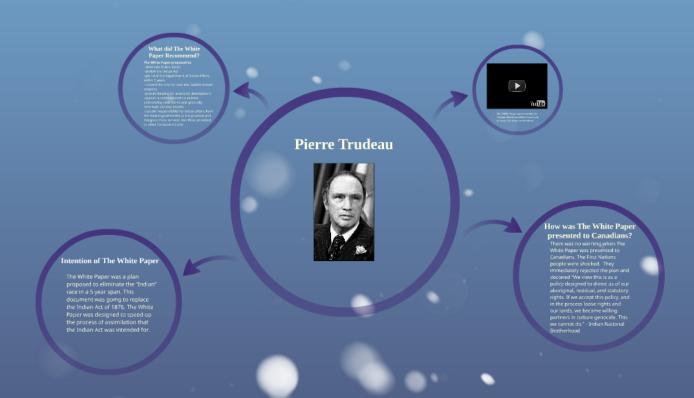
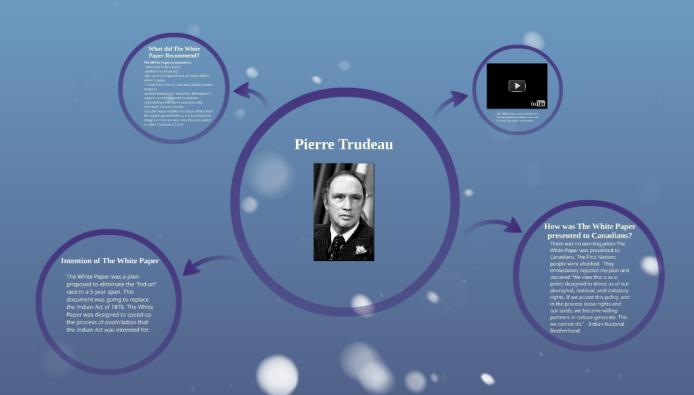
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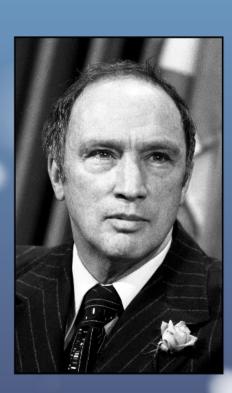


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Intention of The White Paper

The White Paper was a plan proposed to eliminate the "Indian" race in a 5 year span. This document was going to replace the Indian Act of 1876. The White Paper was designed to speed up the process of assimilation that the Indian Act was intended for.

What did The White Paper Recommend?

The White Paper proposed to:

- eliminate Indian status
- -abolish the Indian Act
- -get rid of the Department of Indian Affairs within 5 years
- convert the reserve land into salable private property
- -provide funding for economic development
- -appoint a commissioner to address outstanding land claims and gradually terminate existing treaties
- -transfer responsibility for Indian affairs from the federal government to the province and integrate these services into those provided to other Canadian citizens

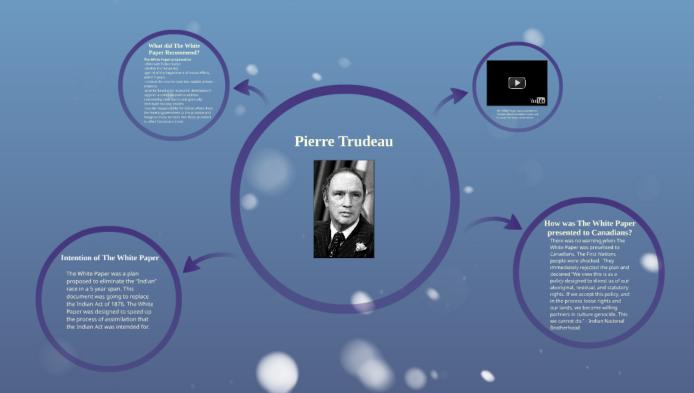
How was The White Paper presented to Canadians?

There was no warning when The White Paper was presented to Canadians. The First Nations people were shocked. They immediately rejected the plan and declared "We view this is as a policy designed to divest us of our aboriginal, residual, and statutory rights. If we accept this policy, and in the process loose rights and our lands, we become willing partners in culture genocide. This we cannot do." - Indian National **Brotherhood**



The White Paper was presented in Ottawa. Most Canadians found out through the news on television.

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