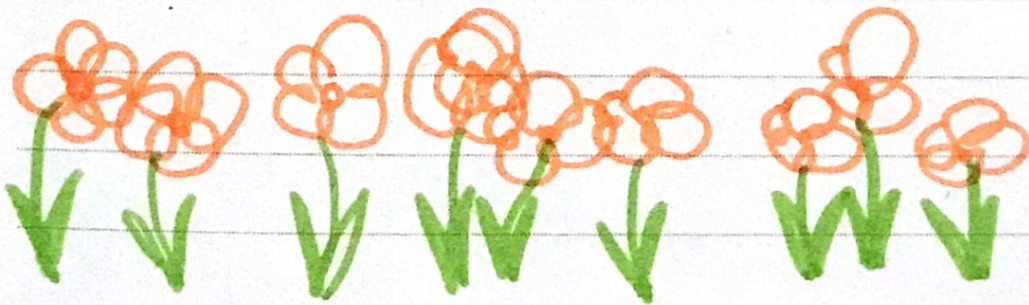


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## What was the value of our experience together?

Indigenous studies is a class that cannot be summed up in an exam. It is much more than 4 walls, than sitting in the same spot in the same building everyday. You cannot truly understand the value a class like this has on an individual until you have experienced it yourself. If you were to ask me what my experience in this class was I would tell you that it was an experience like no other.





# TREATY RELATIONSHIPS

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If I'm being honest, treaty relationships are a confusing topic to me, and I definitely had no idea what they were before taking this class. However I do know that our government has not been very good at keeping their word and respecting treaties. Indigenous people do not agree with land ownership like our government does. Treaties are agreements between Indigenous nations and also between Indigenous nations and the government. I may not know everything there is to know about treaties however I am aware that our government has in many cases disregarded treaties and tried to claim land that has "belonged" to Indigenous people's long before our arrival. I can't imagine how shocking it would have been for Indigenous

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people to have to suddenly live on reserves where every decision they make must follow the Indian Act. All these reasons make it easy to believe that Indigenous people do not have very much trust in the government or healthy treaty relationships.