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Canada officially apologises



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The story

The Canadian prime minister, Justin Trudeau, has formally apologised for the hanging in the 19th century of a group of indigenous leaders by the British colonial authorities.

In 1864, five First Nation chiefs were tried and hanged over the killing of 14 white settlers after coming to what they thought were peace talks.

Mr Trudeau said he hoped the apology would help to heal relations with the Tshilhqot'in people..

Vocabulary

exonerates

officially states someone is not guilty

unjustly

unfairly

overdue

should have happened already

Language challenge

The Canadian Prime Minister has formally apologised for the 1864 hanging of a group of First Nation leaders. These chiefs were the leaders of groups of people who 'naturally existed in that land' before settlers arrived. Which adjective below describes this?

- a) ingenious
- b) indigenous
- c) indignant

Answer

b) indigenous