**Does the Royal Proclamation Apply to BC?**

*The following are reasons Joseph Trutch gave for ignoring the Royal Proclamation. Write counter arguments for each of Trutch’s “reasons”. The first one is done for you.*

1. Reason: The Royal Proclamation did not apply to BC. It was only meant for the eastern parts of North America.

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| Counter argument:• James Douglas the first Governor of BC had already recognized Aboriginal title to land in the treaties on Vancouver Island• The Supreme Court of Canada said that Aboriginal people have title to their lands and treaties are necessary.  |

2. Reason: Aboriginal people had “no use” for the land.

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| Counter argument:  |

3. Reason: Aboriginal land claims would get in the way of European settlement of BC.

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| Counter argument:  |

4. Reason: Aboriginal people have no “right” to the land any more than the deer or bears or other wildlife.

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| Counter argument:  |

5. Reason: British Columbia was really a “no man’s land” before white (European) settlement. It didn’t “belong” to anyone.

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| Counter argument:  |

6. Reason: Aboriginal people have no need for treaties because they will eventually become part of the white population (they will be assimilated).

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| Counter argument:  |