



National Indigenous History Month

**Educational resources
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Educational resources on National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month. It is a time for all Canadians to reflect on the unique histories, sacrifices, cultures, contributions, and strengths of our First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Peoples – because only by understanding our past can we hope to create a brighter future.

National Indigenous History Month invites Indigenous Peoples to celebrate their history in the spirit of pride and preservation. For non-Indigenous Canadians, it is an opportunity to learn and show recognition of the role Indigenous Peoples have played and continue to play in shaping Canada.

Additionally, June 21 marks National Indigenous Peoples Day, which is a further opportunity to recognize and celebrate the heritage, cultures, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada. According to the Government of Canada, “In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day. For generations, many Indigenous peoples and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.”

Visit the Government of Canada webpages for more information on [National Indigenous History Month](#) and [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#).



CCDI WEBINARS

The following webinars were delivered previously, and recorded versions can be accessed via CCDI's Knowledge Repository. If your organization is a [CCDI Employer Partner](#), you and your colleagues can visit the [Knowledge Repository portal](#) to register for access (using a work email address) and login credentials will be sent via e-mail (check Inbox and Junk Mail folder just in case).

Log into Knowledge Repository and click on the links below to view each webinar:

Bilingual

- [Indigenous culture / La culture autochtone et le milieu de travail](#) (2019)
- [Land acknowledgments - The why and how / Reconnaissances du territoire : le pourquoi et le comment](#) (2021)

- [Moving towards building a Reconciliation action plan: Indigenous inclusion with employers / Vers la rédaction d'un plan d'action pour la réconciliation : l'inclusion des Autochtones auprès des employeurs \(2022\)](#)

English only

- [The future forward - Fireside chat with Kelly Lendsay, President & CEO of Indigenous Works \(2021\)](#)
- [The history of Indigenous Peoples in Canada \(2020\)](#)

Please view a [schedule and descriptions of our upcoming webinars](#) to be delivered live (recorded versions will be accessible via CCDI's Knowledge Repository shortly thereafter). If your organization is a CCDI Employer Partner, you and your colleagues can register and attend for free. If your organization is not currently a CCDI Employer Partner and you are interested in joining, you can [learn more about partnership and submit an inquiry here](#).



CCDI SOLUTIONS

- [Guide: Indigenous inclusion \(PDF\) / L'inclusion autochtone \(PDF\)](#)
- [Guide: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day \(PDF\) / La Journée nationale de la vérité et de la réconciliation / Journée du chandail orange \(PDF\)](#)
- [Guide: Canada Day: Resources for learning and engaging with Indigenous communities \(PDF\) / La fête du Canada : Ressources pour l'apprentissage et pour collaborer avec les communautés autochtones \(PDF\)](#)

Celebrating Indigenous History Month and Indigenous Peoples Day

Bilingual

- [Celebrating National Indigenous History Month in Canada / Célébration du Mois national de l'histoire autochtone au Canada, The Canadian Encyclopedia](#)
- [National Indigenous Peoples Day / Journée nationale des peuples autochtones, The Canadian Encyclopedia](#)
- [Reflections on National Indigenous History Month / Réflexions sur le Mois national de l'histoire autochtone, Senate of Canada](#)

English only

- [150 Acts of Reconciliation](#), ActiveHistory.ca
- [Resilience and belonging: 7 artists reflect on National Indigenous History Month](#), CBC News

Learn about Indigenous history and culture

Bilingual

- [A Guide To Indigenous Cultural Awareness / Guide de sensibilisation aux cultures autochtones](#), Montreal Indigenous Community Network
- [Empowering the Spirit: Educational Resource to Support Reconciliation / Valoriser l'esprit : Ressources pédagogiques pour appuyer la réconciliation](#), Alberta Regional Professional Development Consortia
- [Four Directions Teachings](#) (must select FR on webpage for French language content)
- [Indigenous Ally Toolkit / Trousse d'outils pour les alliés-es aux luttes autochtones](#), Montreal Indigenous Community Network
- [Indigenous connections / Liens avec les cultures autochtones](#), Parks Canada
- [Indigenous history / Histoire autochtone](#), Government of Canada
- [Indigenous History / Histoire des Peuples Autochtones au Canada](#), Historica Canada
- [Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada / Atlas des peuples autochtones du Canada](#), National Geographic
- [Indigenous Peoples in Canada / Peuples autochtones au Canada](#), The Canadian Encyclopedia
- [Indigenous trail-blazers / Portraits de pionniers autochtones](#), Government of Canada
- [Learn more about First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples across Canada / Apprenez-en davantage sur les Premières Nations, les Inuit et les Métis au Canada](#), Government of Canada
- [National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous People's Day / Mois national de l'histoire autochtone et Journée nationale des peuples autochtones](#), Statistics Canada
- [Stolen Lives: The Indigenous Peoples of Canada and the Indian Residential Schools / Vies volées: Les Peuples Autochtones au Canada et le régime des pensionnats](#) Facing History & Ourselves
- [The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples / La Déclaration des Nations Unies sur les droits des peuples autochtones](#), Canadian Museum for Human Rights

- [Traditional stories and creation stories / Récits traditionnels et histoires de la création](#), Canadian Museum of History
- [Who Are The Indigenous Peoples of Canada? / Qui sont les Peuples Autochtones au Canada?](#) Facing History & Ourselves

Other resources



BOOKS

CCDI encourages you to check with your local bookstore or municipal library for availability of these publications.

Bilingual

- A Short History of Indians in Canada / Une brève histoire des Indiens au Canada (Thomas King)
- A Two-Sprit Journey / Un Parcours Bispirituel (Ma-Nee Chacaby, Mary Louisa Plummer)
- Alex Janvier (Greg Hill, Chris Dueker, Lee-Ann Martin)
- Annie Muktuk and Other Stories / Annie Muktuk et autres histoires (Norma Dunning)
- Bearskin Diary / Peau d'ours (Carol Daniels)
- Celia's Song / Le chant de Celia (Lee Maracle)
- Dancing on Our Turtle's Back / Danser sur le dos de notre tortue (Leanne Betasamosake Simpson)
- Dry Lips Oughta Move to Kapuskasing / Dry Lips devrait déménager à Kapuskasing (Tomson Highway)
- Empire of Wild / Rougarou (Cherie Dimaline)
- Five Little Indians / Cinq petits Indiens (Michelle Good)
- Flight of the Hummingbird / Le Vol du colibri (Michael Yahgulanaas)
- Green Grass, Running Water / L'herbe verte, l'eau vive (Thomas King)
- Heart Berries: A Memoir / Petite femme montagne (Terese Marie Mailhot)
- Indian Horse / Cheval Indien (Richard Wagamese)
- Love After the End / L'amour aux temps d'après (anthology)
- Medicine Walk / Les Etoiles s'éteignent à l'aube (Richard Wagamese)
- Moon of the Crusted Snow / Neige des lunes brisées (Waubgeshig Rice)
- Nobody Cries at Bingo / On pleure pas au bingo (Dawn Dumont)
- Sanaaq (Mitiarjuk Nappaaluk)
- Son of a Trickster / Le fils du Trickster (Eden Robinson)
- Split Tooth / Croc Fendu (Tanya Tagaq)

- Starlight / Les Étoiles s'éteignent à l'aube (Richard Wagamese)
- The Break / Ligne brisée (Katherena Vermette)
- The Chronicles of Kitchike: Taking a Hard Fall / Chroniques de Kitchike (Louis-Karl Picard-Sioui)
- The Lover, the Lake / L'amant du lac (Virginia Pésémapéo Bordeleau)
- The Night Watchman / Celui qui veille (Louise Erdrich)
- The Reason You Walk / La force de marcher (Wab Kinew)
- This Wound is a World / Cette blessure est un territoire (Billy-Ray Belcourt)

English only

- A History of My Brief Body (Billy-Ray Belcourt)
- A Mind Spread Out on the Ground (Alicia Elliott)
- All the Quiet Places (Brian Thomas Isaac)
- Chasing Painted Horses (Drew Hayden Taylor)
- Embers (Richard Wagamese)
- From the Ashes (Jesse Thistle)
- Grey Eyes (Frank Christopher Busch)
- it was never going to be okay (jaye simpson)
- Life in the City of Dirty Water: A Memoir of Healing (Clayton Thomas-Muller)
- Lucy & Lola (Monique Gray Smith)
- Motorcycles and Sweetgrass (Drew Hayden Taylor)
- Our Story: Aboriginal Voices on Canada's Past (various authors)
- Probably Ruby (Lisa Bird-Wilson)
- Seven Fallen Feathers (Tanya Talaga)
- Stories of Métis Women: Tales My Kookum Told Me (Bailey Oster, Marilyn Lizee)
- The Sentence (Louise Erdrich)
- Written as I Remember It - Teachings (ʔəms taʔaw) from the Life of a Sliammon Elder (Elsie Paul, with Davis McKenzie, Paige Raibmon, Harmony Johnson)

French only

- Amun (collectif sous la direction de Michel Jean)
- Kukum (Michel Jean)
- Le vent en parle encore (Michel Jean)
- Les Iroquoiens (Sylvain Rivard)
- Matisiwin (Marie Christine Bernard)
- Nous sommes des histoires (anthologie)

- Shuni (Naomi Fontaine)
- Tiohtiá:ke (Michel Jean)



FILM AND TELEVISION

Please note: There may be a cost related to watching this content and CCDI is not responsible for those costs.

Bilingual

- [Before Tomorrow / Le Jour avant le lendemain](#) (Netflix, [Amazon Prime Video - EN](#), [Amazon Prime Video - FR](#))
- [Indigenous Cinema / Cinéma autochtone](#) (National Film Board collection)
- [Maïna / Maïna \(FR\)](#) (Available for purchase on DVD)
- [Night Raiders / Les voleurs de la nuit](#) (Crave, [Digital TIFF Bell Lightbox](#))
- [Rhymes for Young Ghouls / Rimes pour revenants](#) (Netflix, [Amazon Prime Video](#))

English only

- [Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner](#) (CBC Gem)
- [Beans](#) (Digital TIFF Bell Lightbox)
- [Edge of the Knife](#) (Amazon Prime Video/Shudder)
- [Mohawk Girls](#) (CBC Gem)
- [Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World](#) (Netflix)
- [The Body Remembers When the World Broke Open](#) (CBC Gem)
- [The Lesser Blessed](#) (YouTube)
- [This Ink Runs Deep](#) (CBC Gem)
- [Trickster](#) (CBC Gem)
- [Uvanga](#) (CBC Gem)

French only

- [Blocus 138 — Innu Resistance](#) (YouTube)
- [Fighter \(La Battante\)](#) (Vimeo)
- [Innu Nikamu : chanter la résistance](#) (CinÉcole)

Bilingual

- [A history of Indigenous languages -- and how to revitalize them / Histoire des langues autochtones -- et comment les revitaliser](#) (Lindsay Morcom)
- [The \(de\)colonizing of beauty / \(Dé\)coloniser la beauté](#) (Sasha Sarago)

English only

- [Breaking the silence surrounding Canada's Indigenous crisis](#) (Qajaq Robinson)
- [Canada's State of Emergency](#) (Pamela Palmater)
- [Forgotten Narrative: the First Nations Reality](#) (Diane Hill)
- [Indigenous innovation](#) (Jeff Ward)
- [The intergenerational wisdom woven into Indigenous stories](#) (Tai Simpson)
- [Whose land are you on? What to know about the Indigenous Land Back movement](#) (Lindsey Schneider)



PODCASTS

- [All My Relations](#)
- [APTN Podcasts](#)
- [Coffee with my Ma](#)
- [Indigenous Action](#)
- [MediaINDIGENA](#)
- [Métis in Space](#)
- [Missing & Murdered: Finding Cleo](#)
- [Native Opinion](#)
- [New Fire with Lisa Charleyboy](#)
- [Our Native Land](#)
- [RAVEN \(De\)Briefs](#)
- [Secret Life of Canada](#)
- [Telling Our Twisted Histories](#)
- [The Henceforward](#)
- [The Red Nation](#)
- [This Land](#)
- [Toasted Sister](#)
- [Unreserved](#)
- [Warrior Life](#)



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