Education: Residential Schools, Treaties, and Aboriginal Contributions

Residential Schools

Books

As Long as the Rivers Flow by Constance Brissenden
As Long as the Rivers Flow: A Last Summer Before Residential School is a poignant story for children about the joyous summer spent in northern Alberta in 1944.

Shi-shi-etko by Nicola I. Campbell
http://goodminds.com/shi-shi-etko-hardcover-ed
Shi-shi-etko by first-time author Nicola Campbell is a children's picture book about an Interior Salish child with just four more days at home until she goes to residential school.

Shin-chi's Canoe by Nicola I. Campbell
http://goodminds.com/shin-chis-canoe-hardcover-ed
Shin-chi's Canoe is Nicola Campbell's sequel to Shi-shi-etko, the story about a young girl's first year at residential school. In this second picture book, Shi-shi-etko returns for another school year and brings along her six-year-old brother.

Fatty Legs by Christy Jordan-Fentron and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton
http://goodminds.com/fatty-legs-true-story-paper-ed
Fatty Legs: A True Story is a recounting of the life of an eight-year-old Banks Island Inuvialuit girl who attended Residential School.

A Stranger at Home by Christy Jordan-Fentron and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton
A Stranger at Home: A True Story is the sequel to the novel Fatty Legs by Christy Jordan-Fentron and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton. This 124-illustrated chapter book joins Margaret upon her return to her family from spending two years at residential school.

No Time to Say Goodbye by Sylvia Olsen
No Time to Say Goodbye: Children's Stories of Kruper Indian Residential School is a fictionalized account of the experiences of five First Nations children who attended Tsartlip Day School and were apprehended by government Indian agents and sent to Kruper Island Residential School.
My name is Seepeetza by Shirley Stirling
http://www.goodminds.com/my-name-seepeetza-paper-ed
My Name is Seepeetza is the diary format novel written by Nlakapamux author Shirley Sterling about her life as a twelve-year-old attending the Kamloops Indian Residential School.

500 Years of Resistance by Gord Hill
The 500 Years of Resistance Comic Book by Kwakwaka'wakw artist and activist Gord Hill offers students an 80-page perspective on Indigenous Peoples resistance movements to European colonization of the Americas.

Goodbye Buffalo Bay by Larry Loyie
http://www.goodminds.com/search?keys=goodbye+buffalo+bay
Goodbye Buffalo Bay is the latest book from the writing team, Larry Loyie and Constance Brissenden.

Videos

Shi-Shi-Etko
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=308&v=tKErhCGjSDE
Four days before having to leave her family and home for residential school, Shi-Shi-Etko learns how important it is to hold on to her memories. Shi-shi-etko is the first short film to be shot entirely in the Halq'eméylem language of the Sto:lo First Nation.

Kakalakkuvik (Where the Children Dwell) Dir.:Jobie Weetaluktuk
A deeply personal film from award-winning filmmaker Jobie Weetaluktuk about the Inuit experience of residential school.

We Were Children
(Not recommended for viewers under 16 years of age)
http://www.nfb.ca/film/we_were_children/trailer/we_were_children_trailer/
In this feature film, the profound impact of the Canadian government’s residential school system is conveyed through the eyes of two children who were forced to face hardships beyond their years.

Moment of Reckoning -- Turning the Page on a Dark Chapter of Our Shared History
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlEhRy_m1kU
The Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement (2007) set out a number of initiatives and activities aimed at reconciliation between First Nations and Canadians. Former National Chiefs Phil Fontaine and Shawn A-in-chut Atleo, former residential school student Martha Marsden and others discuss their personal experiences with Indian residential schools and some of the specific and broad steps toward reconciliation in this short film documentary by Matt LeMay and AFN.

Treaties

On the Path of the Elders
http://www.pathoftheelders.com/galleries
An interactive game that shares the story of Mushkegowuk and Anishnaabe Peoples of North-Eastern and North-Western Ontario, Canada and the signing of the Treaty No. Nine.

We are all Treaty People
http://www.goodminds.com/we-are-all-treaty-people-paper-ed

We Are All Treaty People is the 34-page illustrated history produced by the Union of Ontario Indians to promote their understanding of treaties for all people in Ontario.

Film

Aboriginal Rights and Treaty Rights
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRmJcuJ839A

Aboriginal Rights, Treaty Rights, and Original Aboriginal Title in Canada. Narrated by Robert Laboucane

Trick or Treaty
https://www.nfb.ca/film/trick_or_treaty

This feature documentary by acclaimed filmmaker Alanis Obomsawin profiles Indigenous leaders in their quest for justice as they seek to establish dialogue with the Canadian government.

On the Treaties
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_rsjACzRc-4

Using the backdrop of the 2014 Tar Sands Healing Walk, elder Taz Bouchier speaks about nation-to-nation treaties between Canada and Indigenous peoples, and what the treaty relationship means to the latter.

Indigenous contributions to Canada

Activity Sheets

An activity sheet for children that shares some of the inventions and contributions of Aboriginal peoples.

Hidden in Plain Sight

Contributions of Aboriginal Peoples to Canadian Identity and Culture.

Grade 6 Lesson Plan: Aboriginal Perspectives
https://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/aboriginal/strategygr06socachievements.pdf

Where to purchase books:

Indigenous Education Press
http://indigenouseducationpress.ca/
Indigenous Education Press is a not-for-profit publisher dedicated to producing books that advance the understanding of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

**Good Minds**
http://www.goodminds.com/
An Aboriginal-owned family business, GoodMinds.com is based on the Six Nations of the Grand River (Brantford) in Southwestern Ontario.

**Strong Nations**
Teaching Resources
These resources have not all been reviewed by KAIROS. Please review to ensure they are appropriate for your learning environment.

Recommended Literature for Students by Grade:
http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/deepeningknowledge/Teacher_Resources/Recommended_Literature_for_Students.html
A list of recommended books on Aboriginal topics, organized by recommended grade level

Four Directions Teaching
http://www.fourdirectionsteachings.com/transcripts.html
Four Directions Teaching celebrates Indigenous oral traditions by honoring the process of listening with intent as each elder or traditional teacher shares a teaching from their perspective on the richness and value of cultural traditions from their nation.

Deepening Knowledge Project: OISE’s Aboriginal Peoples Curricula Database
http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/deepeningknowledge/
The Deepening Knowledge Project seeks to infuse Aboriginal peoples' histories, knowledges and pedagogies into all levels of education in Canada

First Nation Literacy
http://www.firstnationliteracy.com/
A literacy service organization funded by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

BC Teachers Federation
https://www.bctf.ca/AboriginalEducation.aspx?id=13404
Aboriginal Education Resources

Ontario Teachers Federation
Useful links for Aboriginal Education

The Alberta Teachers Association
http://fnmiec.teachers.ab.ca/Teaching%20Resources/Pages/Aboriginal%20Education.aspx
Resources designed to help educators and Aboriginal communities work together to develop learning resources that reflect and honour the cultures and history of Aboriginal peoples ...

Aboriginal Curriculum Resources
http://guides.library.queensu.ca/aboriginal-curriculum-resources
Resources for Ontario educators integrating Aboriginal perspectives across the curriculum. Aboriginal Teacher Educators

Indian Residential Schools Commemoration Project
http://www.anishinabek.ca/irscp/irscp-educational-resources.asp
The following educational resources provide further information about Indian residential schools. The
Children’s Reading List:

K-12 Books and Resource List

As Long as the Rivers Flow by Constance Brissenden

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Firedancers by Jan Bourdeau Waboose
http://goodminds.com/firedancers-hardcover-ed

Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message by Chief Jake Swamp

How the Cougar Came to be Called the Ghost Cat by Michael James Isaac

Maple Moon by Connie Brummel Crook
http://goodminds.com/maple-moon-paper-ed

Morning on the Lake by Jan Bourdeau Waboose:

The Sharing Circle by Theresa Meuse-Dallien

Shi-shi-etko by Nicola I. Campbell
http://goodminds.com/shi-shi-etko-hardcover-ed

Shin-chi’s Canoe by Nicola I. Campbell
http://goodminds.com/shin-chis-canoe-hardcover-ed

The Vision Seeker by James Whetung
http://goodminds.com/vision-seeker-paper-ed

Film
Aboriginal People’s Channel:
https://www.nfb.ca/channels/aboriginal_peoples_channel/

Isuma Productions
http://www.isuma.tv/isuma-productions
Complete films (documentary and drama), television episodes and testimony from an Inuit perspective

Aboriginality
https://www.nfb.ca/film/aboriginality
Follow Dallas Arcand, and urban youth, as he heads down the mystical Red Road to re-connect with new and traditional elements of First Nations culture.

Vistas: Wave a Red Flag
https://www.nfb.ca/film/vistas_wave_a_red_flag
On her way to school, a teenage girl’s display of Native pride sparks a celebration of community and culture

Red Path
https://www.nfb.ca/film/red_path
The story of Tony Chachai, a young Aboriginal man in search of his identity

Lesser Blessed
https://www.nfb.ca/film/lesser_blessed
A drama centred on a First Nations teenager trying to find his place in the modern world.