Website Resources

National Indigenous Peoples Day

The following online resources may be helpful for discovering more about our B.C.'s First Nations heritage.

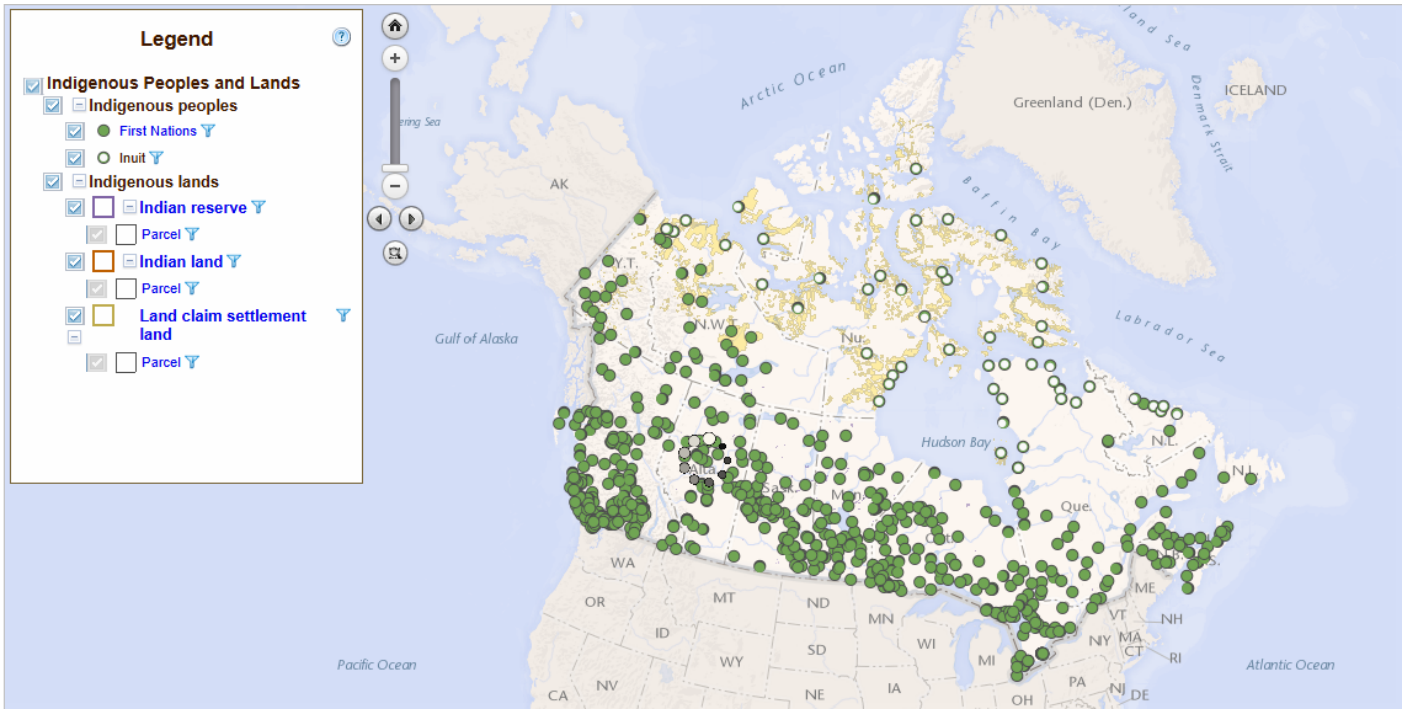
Every year, First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities across the country host events on or around June 21 to share and celebrate their rich and diverse cultures and traditions.

Find an event or activity near you:

- **List of events**
- **Interactive Map**

Map of Indigenous Peoples and Lands

GeoViewer Map of Indigenous Peoples and Lands



Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada

Canadian Geographic - Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada

"First Nations culture is rooted in storytelling. Since time immemorial, we have passed on knowledge from generation to generation through our Oral Traditions to teach our beliefs, history, values, practices, customs, rituals, relationships, and ways of life. Our culture and the teachings of our ancestors are preserved and carried on through the words of Elders, leaders, community members and young ones. These teachings form an integral part of our identity as nations, communities, clans, families and individuals. - *Perry Bellegarde*

First Nations Education Steering Committee

Learning First Peoples Classroom Resources

With the increased inclusion of First Peoples' content in the changing BC curriculum, there is a need to incorporate unappropriated First Peoples' perspectives across the curriculum. The First Nations Education Steering Committee and the First Nations Schools Association, in collaboration with teachers and partners, have developed the following Learning First Peoples series of teacher resources to support English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies and Mathematics courses.

Indigenous Education: Teaching Tools and Resources

BC Ministry of Education: Indigenous Education

There are many thoughtful and authentic ways to teach Indigenous history and culture. Use these teaching tools to create a lesson plan that's tailored to the specific needs of your class.

Simon Fraser University: The Stories/Movies - Math Catcher

Math Catcher



To promote mathematics, we have created a series of stories with mathematical themes. These stories are inspired by the storytelling tradition of Indigenous peoples.

Historica Canada: Indigenous Perspectives Education Guide

Education Portal on Indigenous History



Popular narratives of Canadian history have most frequently been told from the perspective of European settlers. As a result, Indigenous experiences have often been neglected or excluded from the telling of our country's history. For a more comprehensive understanding of Canada's history, it is important to examine it from Indigenous perspectives. Doing so requires students to explore the depth, breadth, diversity, and regional variation of experiences of Indigenous peoples in the land that...

National Center for Truth and Reconciliation

Residential School History

For a period of more than 150 years (see the Residential School Timeline), First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nation children were taken from their families and communities to attend schools which were often located far from their homes. More than 150,000 children attended Indian Residential Schools. Many never returned.

Government of Canada: Indigenous People in the Second World War

Indigenous People in the Second World War



Indigenous people from every region of Canada served in the armed forces during the Second World War, fighting in every major battle and campaign of the conflict. To serve their country, Indigenous people had to overcome unique cultural challenges. Their courage, sacrifices, and accomplishments are a continuing source of pride to their families, communities, and all Canadians.

Four Directions Teachings

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FourDirectionsTeachings.com is a visually stunning audio-narrated resource for learning about indigenous knowledge and philosophy from five diverse First Nations in Canada

Kiddle: Kids Encyclopedia Facts

Indigenous peoples in Canada facts for kids

Indigenous Peoples in Canada are the original inhabitants of the land now known as Canada. They are also called First Peoples.

Canada Guide: Indigenous Peoples of Canada

Basics: Indigenous Peoples

The Indigenous people of Canada, a small but influential community that reminds Canadians of their country’s ancient past and their contemporary responsibilities to its first residents.

4 Canoes

Indigenous Series, Gr K-12 Subscription (Passwords can be found on the subscriptions page or in the Search Portal

4Canoes magazine (K-Grade 12) has articles vetted by the Indigenous communities about which they were written. The 4Canoes website is accessed through Focused Education Resources and the BC Digital Classroom.

Circle of Courage

Circle of Courage

A model of positive youth development based on the principle of universal needs for emotionally healthy youth, including a sense of belonging, mastery, independence and generosity.

Canada’s History: Treaties and the Treaty Relationship

Treaties and the Treaty Relationship



The Canada’s History Treaties issue features guest editor Treaty Commissioner Loretta Rosslink opens in a new window from the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba.

First Nations Pedagogy Online

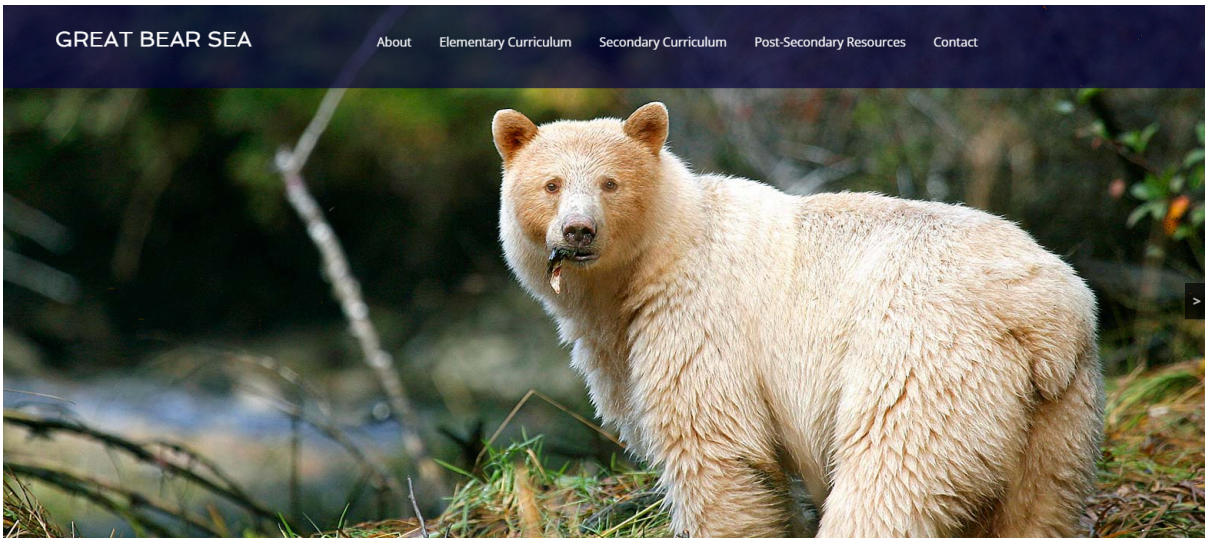
First Nations storytelling videos



First Nations, Inuit, and Metis cultures have long passed on knowledge from generation to generation through oral traditions, including storytelling. Storytelling is a traditional method used to teach about cultural beliefs, values, customs, rituals, history, practices, relationships, and ways of life.

Exploring the Great Bear Sea

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Elementary and Secondary Teaching Resources. Students explore the importance of this region of BC – and our connection to both land and sea – through place-based stories, traditions and histories, bringing a diversity of First Peoples’ perspectives from this region into the classroom.

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