



INDIGENOUS MATTERS AND TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DISCOVERY LINK TOPIC MAPPING

K-12 resources

- Topics Included: Indigenous Matters(past, present, future), Truth and Reconciliation, Orange Shirt Day, residential schools

Free Resources Included:

Licensed Resources Included:

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How to Use This Guide

Name of the Database

- Where to click or search
 - Other instructions to direct you
 - Article Title (with permalink where possible)
 - Article Sections if applicable(with permalink where possible)

For navigation, you may choose to use control F or the find tool to find keywords.

If you have any questions regarding this guide, notice a hyperlink that is broken, have recommended additions, or if you would like a guide for additional topics/grades please contact us at DiscoveryLink@thealbertalibrary.ab.ca

[FREE RESOURCES](#)

Please note with all of these resources it is recommended that the teacher preview the material before sharing it with the class to ensure it is a good level for your learners and that you are prepared to discuss/deep-dive into some of the tough topics presented.

[The Canadian Encyclopedia](#) Recommended grades: 5-12

- There is an entire topic folder on Indigenous matters that can be found [here](#) which includes quizzes, articles, and timelines on topics ranging from colonialism to Indigenous suffrage.
- Other examples: Historica Canada (left-hand top of the screen)
 - Heritage Minutes
 - [Heritage Minutes: Kenojuak Ashevak](#)
 - [Heritage Minutes: Inukshuk](#)
 - Keyword Search: Inuit
 - [Inuit Video](#)
 - [The Owl and the Raven: An Inuit Legend](#)
 - Search:
 - [Cree Syllabics](#)
 - [Aboriginal Cultural Landscape](#)
 - [Aboriginal Languages of Canada](#)

[Gord Downie's The Secret](#) Path Recommended Grades: 5 – 12

- Use this resource to learn about the life of Chanie Wenjack. This animated film adaptation was created, written, and directed by Gord Downie, composed by Gord Downie with Kevin Drew and Dave Hamelin, and illustrated by author Jeff Lemire. It tells the story of Chanie "Charlie" Wenjack, his escape from Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, and his subsequent death from hunger and exposure to the harsh weather. *It is recommended to view this film before showing it in class as it deals with mature themes.

[Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada](#) Recommended Grades: 3 – 12

- Use this bilingual resource to find reference maps of Canada, information about Truth and Reconciliation, a glossary of Indigenous terms, and more. Created by The Royal Canadian Geographical Society in conjunction with the Assembly of First Nations, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the Métis Nation, the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation and Indspire, this resource contains beautiful contemporary and historical photography, maps, and more.

Indigenous Peoples: North America Recommended Grades: 7 – 12

- Use this resource to explore the political, social, and cultural history of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples of North America between the sixteenth and twentieth centuries. This resource contains collections from both American and Canadian institutions, including the Javitch Collection from the University of Alberta, as well as indigenous-language materials. Topics include: the Iroquois Confederation, Canadian Catholic Indigenous Missions, Indigenous treaties in Canada, and more.

National Film Board Recommended Grades K-12

- NFB has added [a number of playlists of Indigenous voices and reconciliation](#) where the films range in length and age level. Materials labelled CAMPUS are not available unless your school has a license for them but there are hundreds of fantastic resources available not within CAMPUS.

Native Land Recommended grades: K-12

- Native Land Digital strives to create and foster conversations about the history of colonialism, Indigenous ways of knowing, and settler-Indigenous relations, through educational resources such as our map and Territory Acknowledgement Guide.

Paths to Reconciliation Recommended grades: 3-12

- This map charts the hundreds of residential schools not recognized by the federal government's Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement because they had been run by the provinces or other organizations. It also includes links to a series of first-hand accounts and related original-source materials from survivors and, in some instances, family members of survivors of these schools.
- Also includes [teacher's guide](#)

Peel's Prairie Provinces Recommended Grades: 6 – 12

- Use this database to find primary source material on the early history and culture of the Canadian Prairie Provinces. Information on Métis and First Nations peoples, Franco-Albertans, Alberta local history, the history of Edmonton, and Alberta Railways is included.

Prairie Indigenous eBook Collection Recommended grades: K-12

- Access through your local public library! Contains over 200 titles from publishers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.
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[LICENCED RESOURCES](#)

These are just a sample of some of the resources within these great databases- to find more try searching for key terms like Indigenous, Indigenous rights, residential schools etc or reach out to your contact with the database provider

[Britannica School](#) Recommended Grades: K-12

- Elementary
 - Britannica Learning zone (bottom right)
 - Canada in Focus
 - History and culture
 - Beothuk
 - Chipewyan
 - Cree
 - Haida
 - Inuit
 - Iroquois
 - Ojibwa
 - Tlingit

[Culturegrams](#) Recommended Grades:3-12

- Provinces Edition
 - Alberta
 - History (left-hand side of the screen)
 - Timeline
 - Buffalo Hunters
 - Fur and Bibles
 - The People (right-hand side)
 - First Nations, Metis, and Aboriginal Peoples
 - Saskatchewan
 - The People (right-hand side)
 - First Nations, Metis, and Aboriginal Peoples
 - Nunavut
 - The People (right-hand side)
 - First Nations, Metis, and Aboriginal Peoples
 - Cultural Notes (right-hand side)
 - Inuit Artists
 - Language Preservation

[GALE Canada in Context](#) Recommended Grades:6-12

- History (View All)

- First Nations
 - The History of Alberta (Found in References)
- Post-Confederation Canada (Topic Page)
 - Post-Confederation Canada: 1867-1914
 - The History of Canada: From 1800-1900
 - John A. Macdonald, Sir
 - The Metis in Canada
 - The History of Canada: Part III
- Geography (View All)
 - Nunavut (Topic Page)
- Advanced Search: Nunavut History
 - Student Resource Centre
 - Article Sections: Canada's Control, Inuit Land Claims, Nunavut Becomes a Territory
- Government
 - Government of Canada
 - Treatment of First Nations People
 - Canada's 'First Nations': Indians, Inuit and Métis

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Teen Health and Wellness Recommended Grades: 7-12

- A brief history of racism in Canada
- Also search for teens talking about discrimination and cultural differences with peers.