

Websites for teachers--background knowledge

Aboriginal Healing Foundation. <http://www.ahf.ca/>

The Aboriginal Healing Foundation was given an eleven-year mandate, ending March 31, 2009, to encourage and support community-based Aboriginal directed healing initiatives which address the legacy of physical and sexual abuse suffered in Canada's Indian Residential School System, including inter-generational impacts. The OCDSB has purchased *100 years of Loss* teacher tool kits for every elementary school with grades 7 & 8 as well as for every high school. Two teachers from each school have been or will be trained on the use of these kits, and it is our hope that these resources will be used widely in schools, across the curriculum, in grades 7 and up, in order to promote understanding and to give our students a chance to be a part of the reconciliation and healing movement in Canada.

Algonquin College's Mamidosewin Center. <http://www3.algonquincollege.com/mamidosewin/>
Keep up to date on events happening in the Aboriginal community at and around Algonquin college. A connection for teachers to help make with older students as well—mentoring and tutoring possibilities.

Assembly of First Nations <http://www.afn.ca/>

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples. <http://www.abo-peoples.org/>
Representing the Interests of Aboriginal Peoples living Off-Reserve Since 1971.

Inuit Women of Canada. <http://pauktuutit.ca/resources/>

Amongst other things, Pauktuutit Pauktuutit undertakes activities intended to promote the rights of Inuit women and children and work towards better social and economic conditions for Inuit. Their website has background resources on diverse issues such as residential schools, early childhood education, effects of resource extraction on Inuit populations, and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

Learning and violence. <http://www.learningandviolence.net/landv.htm>

Tips and strategies for educators who are teaching students who have been victims of or have witnessed violence.

Métis Nation of Ontario. <http://www.metisnation.org/>

Excellent background reading good for teachers and intermediate/secondary students on issues related to Métis people.

National Inuit Organization <http://www.itk.ca/>

Official Court website for the Residential School Settlement.

<http://www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca/English.html>

Great background reading for teachers and older students.

Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centers. <http://www.ofifc.org/>

Ontario Ministry of Education. <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/aboriginal/policy.html>
Aboriginal Policy Framework. A good background reader to learn more about the ministry policy regarding education for FNMI students.

Ontario Native Literacy Coalition. <http://www.onlc.ca/newsletter.php>
Newsletter with resources for and projects of FNMI student literacy.

Public Health Agency of Canada. http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/chn-rcs/aboriginal-autochtones-eng.php?rd=aboriginal_autochtone_eng
Links to resources on health related issues for First Nation, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

Reclaiming Youth International <http://www.reclaiming.com/content/about-circle-of-courage>
The Circle of Courage® is a model of youth empowerment supported by RYI and incorporates modern research in youth work and Native philosophies of child care. The model is encompassed in four core values: belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity. The central theme of this model is that a set of shared values must exist in any community to create environments that ultimately benefit all. Great background reading for teachers.

Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.
http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/webarchives/20071115053257/http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ch/rcap/sg/sgmm_e.html

Roots of Empathy. <http://www.rootsofempathy.org/>
An evidence-based classroom program that has shown significant effect in reducing levels of aggression and increasing empathy by building relationships with a neighbourhood infant and parent throughout the school year. Running in some of our schools.

Teaching Perspectives Inventory. <http://teachingperspectives.com/drupal/>
Great inventory you can take online that allows you to reflect on your teaching practices in an effort to make your classroom a more culturally safe, inviting, and inclusive space for all children.

UBC What I Learned in Class Today Project. <http://www.whatilearnedinclasstoday.com/>
20 minute video and accompanying information on a project that looked at attitudes about and towards FNMI peoples in classrooms. Includes stereotypes, hidden biases, singling out of FNMI students, etc....

U of Saskatchewan I Portal.
http://iportal.usask.ca/index.php?sid=922276060&t=sub_pages&cat=806&rtype_limit=1
A portal of articles, book reviews, media, and more--all here in their entirety—most for free (without a membership or affiliation).

Lesson planning & student activities

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development. <http://fnpim-cippn.inac-ainc.gc.ca/index-eng.asp>
This First Nation Profiles Interactive Map (and accompanying map for Inuit) allows you to link to community websites for First Nation and Inuit communities across Canada. Great for students when doing research.

Aboriginal Connections.

http://directory.aboriginalconnections.com/Canada/News_and_Media/index.html

Resource bank of websites with links to Aboriginal literature, news, films, etc....

Aboriginal Curriculum Integration Project. Lesson plans for Aboriginal Studies across the curriculum for K-12. When/where needed, they can/should be adapted to reflect local Aboriginal groups and perspectives.

Aboriginal People's Television Network. <http://aptn.ca/pages/news/>

News articles and programs. Excellent resource.

Algonquin of Pikwàkanagàn (Golden Lake). <http://www.thealgonquinway.ca/English/about-e.php>

B.C. Ministry of Education. <http://abed.sd79.bc.ca/acip/index.html>

Keep in mind that lessons should be adapted to reflect the local FNMI communities in Ontario and in our urban center.

Canada in the Making. http://www.canadiana.ca/citm/index_e.html

Lesson plans and student activities centered around the formation of Canada as a country. Links to primary source texts are incorporated.

CBC The 8th Fire Series. <http://www.cbc.ca/doczone/8thfire/>

Excellent series on the CBC that you can watch for free. Also maps, information, etc.... Check out the dispatches—some very good shorter clips.

First Nations Education Steering Committee. <http://www.fnesc.ca/curriculum>

Lesson plans for English & Math grades 7-12 that have an Aboriginal perspective.

Four Directions Teachings. <http://www.fourdirectionsteachings.com/>

Animated and narrated look at the knowledge and philosophies of five distinct First Nations in Canada. A wealth of teaching resources are included.

Goodminds Educational Distributors. <http://www.goodminds.com/homepage.htm>

The best source around for First Nation, Métis, Inuit literature and books on various FNMI topics. You can search for educational resources by subject, author, or keyword.

Indian Health Service. <http://www.ihs.gov/behavioral/index.cfm>

Anti-bullying and health brochures started by FN youth in the U.S. Resources could be used in classroom with students.

Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative. http://www.maei-ppw.com/Promising_practices.html
Resources for secondary and elementary teachers from sources across Canada.

NFB Aboriginal Perspectives. <http://www3.onf.ca/enclasse/doclens/visau/index.php?mode=home&language=english>
Documentary films, clips, and lesson ideas/plans for issues related to FNMI peoples in Canada.

Ningwakwe Learning Press. <http://www.firstnationliteration.com/download/>
Literacy resources & lesson plans for teachers.

Ontario Ministry of Education. <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/aboriginal/toolkit.html>
Aboriginal Perspectives Teacher Toolkit. Lesson plans and teaching strategies available online for elementary and secondary schools.

PBS Circle of Stories. <http://www.pbs.org/circleofstories/storytellers/index.html>
Lesson plans, audio clips of stories being told, and stories of 5 different Aboriginal people from North America.

Project of Heart. <http://www.projectofheart.ca/>
Project of Heart” is an inquiry based, hands-on, collaborative, inter-generational, artistic journey of seeking truth about the history of Aboriginal people in Canada. Many ideas and examples of how it’s been used across the country exist on the website. One of our very own secondary teachers, Sylvia Smith, was the creator of this project, and it is an excellent resource.

The Algonquin Way Cultural Centre. <http://thealgonquinway.ca/English/learning-ctr-e.php>
Lesson plans for teachers from an Algonquin perspective.

Up Here Online Magazine. <http://www.uphere.ca/travelfront>
A magazine covering stories all from and/or about the North. Articles are great reads for students and teachers alike.

Websites for Native Languages

Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn. http://algonquinsofpikwakanagan.com/culture_language.php

Eastcree Org: <http://www.eastcree.org/cree/en/>

James Bay Cree of northern Quebec language website. Listen to stories in Cree and study your syllabics!

Language Geek. <http://www.languagegeek.com/>

Information on Indigenous languages spoken around the world. Links to keyboards that can be installed to type in given languages.

Mohawk Thanksgiving Address. <http://www.tyendinaga.net/ohenton/>

Recording of the thanksgiving address in the Mohawk language. Need Real player to play clips. Excellent resource for students!

Thank you in many languages!

<http://users.elite.net/runner/jennifers/thankyou.htm#Kanienkehaka>