

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY



June 21st

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"June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous peoples.

Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs.

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."

Government of Canada

Resources for Educators

- [They Came for the Children](#)
- [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- [Orange Shirt Day](#)
- [Truth and Reconciliation - 94 Calls to Action](#)
- [Authentic First Peoples Resources - FNECS](#)



Books to further adult learning

- From the Ashes
 - Jesse Thistle
- Empire of Wild
 - Cherie Dimaline
- Lucy & Lola
 - Monique Gray Smith
- Heart Berries
 - Terese Marie Mailhot
- Split Tooth
 - Tanya Tagaq
- Jonny Appleseed
 - Joshua Whitehead
- Indian Horse
 - Richard Wagamese
- Monkey Beach
 - Eden Robinson

The Indigenous Education Department

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Resources for Classrooms and Schools

Presentations/Workshops/Resource Kits - Indigenous Ed Department

- **email Nerine Graham and Arlene McGhee**
- click on link to see options
 - [Presentations](#)
 - [Workshops](#)
 - [Resource Kits](#)

Lit Kits - email Brandee Jersak

- [Lit Kits](#)

Bulletin Board Displays

- Please see your school based Indigenous Department for displays

Books to share in class

Picture Books

- The Girl and the Wolf
 - Katherena Vermette
- Fishing with Grandma
 - Susan Avinjac
- Go Show the World
 - Wab Kinew
- What's My Superpower?
 - Aviaq Johnston
- Cloudwalker
 - Henry Vickers and Robert Budd
- Nokum is My Teacher
 - David Bouchard
- Stolen Words
 - Melanie Florence
- The Water Walker
 - Joanne Robertson

Chapter Books

- Secret Path
 - Gord Downie and Jeff Lemire
- A Girl Called Echo
 - Katherena Vermette
- This Place: 150 Years Retold
 - Multiple Authors
- Fire Song
 - Adam Garnet Jones