



Row Ontario Land Acknowledgement Guidelines Indigenous Peoples Resource List

Documentaries and Films

12 Docs on Indigenous Life in Canada

Description: Documentaries of Indigenous storytellers with incredible tales and activists who are advocating for change

- Link: <https://www.cbc.ca/documentaries/12-docs-on-indigenous-life-in-canada-1.5606739>

National Film Board

Description: Various videos on Indigenous Peoples in Canada

- Link: <https://www.nfb.ca/subjects/indigenous-peoples-in-canada-first-nations-and-metis/quebec-and-ontario/>

The Secret Path

Description: Gord Downie's The Secret Path and a post—show CBC Arts live panel on the road to reconciliation.

On October 22, 1966, near Kenora, Ontario, Chanie Wenjack died when he was walking home to the family he was taken from over 400 miles away. Fifty years later, Tragically Hip frontman Gord Downie took Wenjack's story and turned it into the Secret Path project, including a solo album, a graphic novel, and an animated film.

- Link: <https://youtu.be/yGd764YU9yc>

Indian Horse

Description: Based on the Award Winning Bestseller by Richard Wagamese, this film sheds light on the dark history of Canada's boarding schools or Indian Residential Schools and the indomitable spirit of Aboriginal peoples.

In late 1950's Ontario, eight year old Saul Indian Horse is torn from his Ojibway family and committed to one of the notorious Catholic Residential Schools. In this oppressive environment, Saul is denied the freedom to speak his language or embrace his Indigenous heritage while he witnesses horrendous abuse at the hands of the very people entrusted with his care. Despite this, Saul finds salvation in the unlikelyst of places and favourite winter pastime – hockey. Fascinated by the game, he secretly teaches himself to play, developing a unique and rare skill. He seems to see the game in a way no other player can.

His talent leads him away from the misery of the school, eventually leading him to the pros. But the ghosts of Saul's past are always present, and threaten to derail his promising career and future. Forced to confront his painful past, Saul draws on the spirit of his ancestors and the understanding of his friends to begin the process of healing.

- Link: <https://www.indianhorse.ca/en/film>
- Available on Netflix

nîpawistamâsowin: We Will Stand Up, directed by Tasha Hubbard

Description: "On August 9, 2016, a young Cree man named Colten Boushie died from a gunshot to the back of his head after entering Gerald Stanley's rural property with his friends. The jury's subsequent acquittal of Stanley captured international attention, raising questions about racism embedded within Canada's legal system and propelling Colten's family to national and international stages in their pursuit of justice. Sensitively directed by Tasha Hubbard, ***nîpawistamâsowin: We Will Stand Up*** weaves a profound narrative encompassing the filmmaker's own adoption, the stark history of colonialism on the Prairies, and a vision of a future where Indigenous children can live safely on their homelands."

- Link: <https://www.nfb.ca/film/nipawistamasowin-we-will-stand-up/>

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- Link: <https://vimeo.com/517181293>

Reports

Weaving Miskotaha: The Métis Nation's Journey to Ending Missing and Murdered Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+, Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak/Women of the Métis:4

<https://metiswomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Weaving-MiskotahaReport-July-2021.pdf>

Truth and Reconciliation Commission Reports

- Reports completed to inform all Canadians about what happened in residential schools. The Reports document the truth of Survivors, their families, communities, and anyone personally affected by the residential school experience.
- 94 Calls to Action were produced

<https://nctr.ca/records/reports/>

[https://ehprnh2mwo3.exactdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Calls to Action English2.pdf](https://ehprnh2mwo3.exactdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf)

Royal Commission of Aboriginal Peoples

- Documents the Realities of Indigenous Life.

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/aboriginal-heritage/royal-commission-aboriginal-peoples/Pages/final-report.aspx>

Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Report

- Report reveals that persistent and deliberate human and Indigenous rights violations and abuses are the root cause behind Canada's staggering rates of violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA people. Two volume report calls for transformative legal and social changes to resolve the crisis that has devastated Indigenous communities across the country.

<https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/>

Other

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

- Universal principles now incorporated into Canadian law

https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/Declaration_indigenous_en.pdf

Begin your Learning Journey, Government of Canada, Crown-Indigenous Relations

- Various resources to begin your learning journey around the rich and diverse cultures, voices, experiences, and histories of Indigenous peoples in Canada

<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1621447127773/1621447157184>

National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

- The Centre is a place of learning and dialogue where the truths of the residential school experience will be honoured and kept safe for future generations. The Centre was created as part of the mandate of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

<https://nctr.ca/>

Native Land.ca Map

- Map of Indigenous communities and territories across Canada. It can be used as a starting point in engaging in your own research, the history of these communities, and the communities themselves.

<https://native-land.ca/>

Map of Ontario Treaties and Reserves

- Learn about the treaties that cover where you live, go to school or work, and find reserves in Ontario

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/map-ontario-treaties-and-reserves>

Please note that this Resource List is not exhaustive. There are many sources to look at and we encourage you to undertake your own research to learn more about Indigenous peoples in Ontario and Canada