

Resources for Treaty Recognition Week

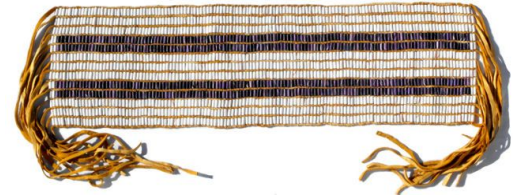
November 4 -11, 2018

The first full week of November (November 4-11, 2018) is Treaties Recognition Week to promote public education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. All students, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, are enriched by learning about the histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people in Canada.

What are Treaties?

Treaties are legally binding agreements that set out the rights, responsibilities and relationships of Indigenous peoples and the federal and provincial governments. They are agreements between Nations. Historically, and from the perspective of Indigenous People, treaties were to be agreements of peace and friendship.

For teaching Primary grades - a suggestion is to focus on the aspects of making a deal and upholding your responsibilities and also focus on the love of land, which is the underpinning of all treaty making.



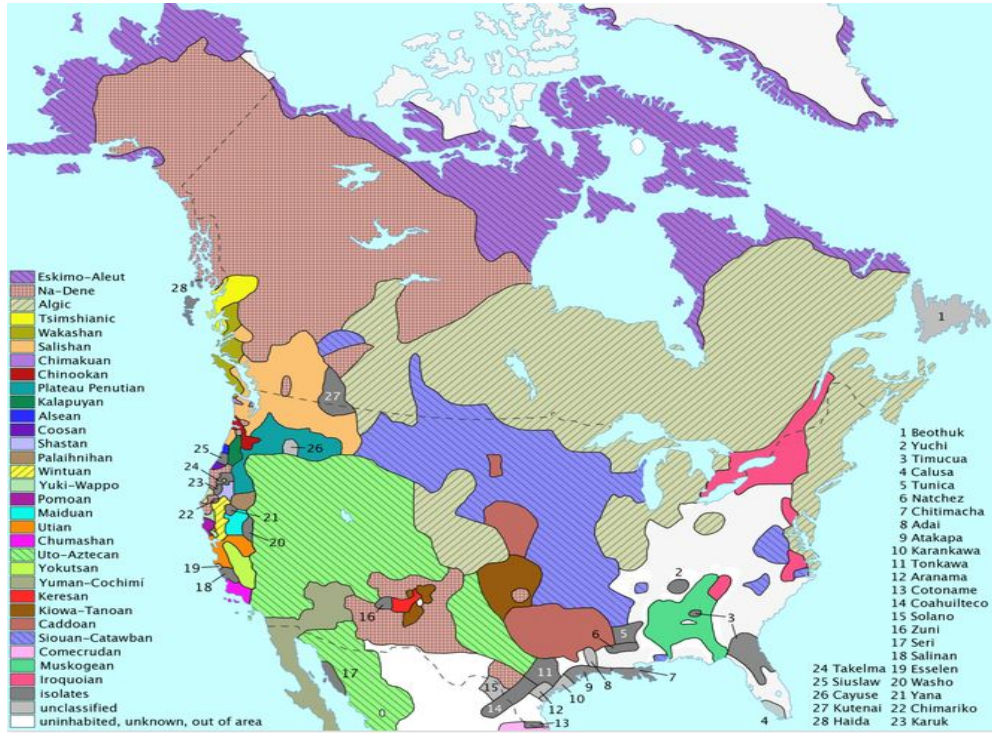
Heritage Minutes - Naskumituwin (Treaty) <https://youtu.be/mVVD9yYCKiI>

OISE has a free teaching Module - Understanding Indigenous Perspectives. There is a session entitled “We are all Treaty People.” The link is below - <https://www.oise.utoronto.ca/abed101/we-are-all-treaty-people/>

Quick Facts

- Ontario is covered by 46 treaties and other agreements, such as land purchases by the Crown signed between 1781 and 1930.
- Treaties are the legally binding agreements that set out the rights, responsibilities and relationships of First Nations and the federal and provincial governments.
- Treaty week supports [Premier Wynne’s Apology and Statement of Ontario’s Commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples](#) made in the Legislature on May 30, 2016.
- A [Political Accord](#) was signed with the [Chiefs of Ontario](#) in August 2015 to guide the relationship between First Nations and the province.

The Ontario Treaty map is available online. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-first-nations-maps>



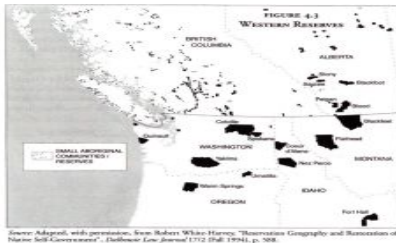
This map shows the Traditional Territory map of North America pre-contact.



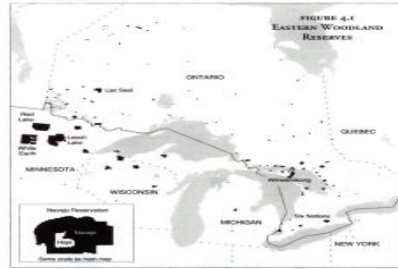
This map shows the Treaties of Canada.

Aboriginal Lands Today

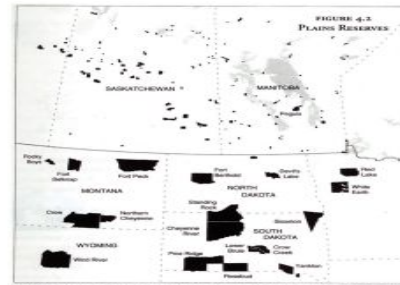
Aboriginal lands south of the 60th parallel - mainly reserves - make up less than one-half of one per cent of the Canadian land mass. By contrast, in the United States (excluding Alaska), where Aboriginal Peoples make up a far smaller portion of the population, they hold three per cent of the land. All of the reserves in every province of Canada combined would not cover one-half of the reservation held by Arizona's Navajo Nation.



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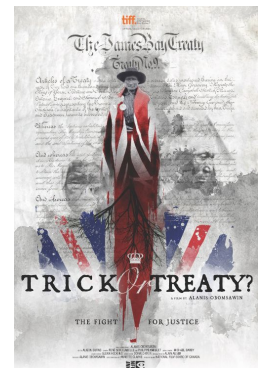
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This map shows the First Nations of today.

Other Resources, Links and Ideas:

1. The Real Agreement As Orally Agreed To. Grand Chief Stan Louttit Mushkegowuk Council
http://www.mushkegowuk.com/documents/jamesbaytreaty9_realoralagreement.pdf
2. Ontario Kids on Treaties - Video link - https://youtu.be/p--vT_zyVWg
3. National Film Board - Trick or Treaty by Alanis Obomsawin - (you need a campus subscription to access this film).
4. Getting Ready for Treaty Week - an article in ETFO Voice Magazine
<http://etfovoice.ca/feature/getting-ready-treaties-recognition-week>
5. Consider inviting an Indigenous Elder or Knowledge Keeper to speak in classrooms or at an Assembly.
6. Elder William Commanda - A CBC article about a local elder and wampum belt keeper.
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/keeper-of-the-wampum-william-commanda-algonquin-elder-1.988042>
7. Three Sacred Wampum Belts (Algonquin)
http://web.ncf.ca/ak717/art/art_spirit07.html
8. Play O'Canada in Algonquin instead of English or French - link -
<https://youtu.be/HW5fRTolZAE>
9. Treaty Recognition - background info and suggested activities for Primary, Junior &



Intermediate. Miigwech to Sarah Sanders (TVDSB) for sharing this resource - link - <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1L-GesL4IA8JLwVI3NwsMa9sPt9WDXVZT3oJQmyq-ic/edit#slide=id.p>

10. Watch We Are All Treaty People - Kandice Baptiste <https://youtu.be/ABDUeSDnsJk>
This five minute talk is aimed at anyone wanting to know what does it mean that we are all treaty people?
11. Find more resources about Treaties Recognition Week - learn more at this website from Greater Essex County School Board - <https://sway.com/chZ5iiiOHeeYCKID?ref=Link>
12. Intro to Treaties week - news clip: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wt5tdGo1_vQ
13. Chief Isadora Day - explains basics of treaties in this 24 minute video: Excellent for senior history classes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pj1tHoGT1P8>
14. Hayden King - 11 minute video - basics of treaties - great for intermediate and junior history, geography, civics classes. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6niWvsqV_oM
15. And it would certainly be appropriate to explain the two row wampum and what it means. The book We are all treaty people is a good starting place for teachers to check their own understanding of the treaties, and how they are important to our Indigenous partners. And here is a 5 minute video by Maurice Switzer - who wrote that book - about the importance and solemnity of the treaties from the point of view of the First Nations who entered into them. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-KNHsKjpUI>
16. **November 11 is Remembrance Day** - and it is a good time to make note of the contributions of Indigenous people to World War 1 and 2 efforts. Here are some good links to start looking for FNMI contributions to World War I and II from a **Canadian government perspective**:
<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/those-who-served/indigenous-veterans>

Reading and Remembrance Project 2009 "Medals and Memories: First Nations" lesson plans
<http://www.readingandremembrance.ca/2009.html>

Ottawa has a monument to Indigenous Veterans in the park on Elgin St. (by the NAC), that our local students should be made aware of:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/art-monuments/monuments/aboriginal-veterans.html>

Other mostly non-government links to local First Nations, Métis, and Inuit veterans:

[Algonquin Veterans](#)

[Algonquins \(including Maniwaki\) in The Great War](#)

[Inuit Veteran of the Korean War - memoir by Eddy Weealtuk](#)

[Links on Eddy Weealtuk through Avatuq Cultural Institute](#)