

ABORIGINAL RESOURCE "MUST HAVE" LIST 2019/2020

TITLE	PRI	INTER	SEC	ELA	MA	SC	SS	FINE ARTS	SEL	REF	OTHER
21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act			X				X			X	Learn about 21 key government policies as described through the Indian Act
47,000 Beads	X	X							X		Two-Spirit young Powwow dancer - story of identity
A Day with Yayah	X	X				X			X		A young Secwepemc girl spends the day on the land with her grandmother learning about plants and medicine
A Walk on the Shoreline	X	X				X					Picture book/story of an Inuit child learning about the land along the shoreline - includes beautiful photos and a glossary of Inuit phrases
A Walk on the Tundra	X	X				X					Picture book/story of an Inuit child learning about the land on the tundra - includes beautiful photos and a glossary of Inuit phrases
Ancient Pathways, Ancestral Knowledge			X			X	X			X	Excellent resource for exploring ethnobotany
Animals of the Salish Sea	X			X		X		X			Describes many of the animals of the Salish Sea, includes beautiful First Nations art and facts about animals

Awasis and the World-Famous Bannock	X			X			X				Picture book about a young Cree boy who drops his Grandmother's famous bannock. His animals friends give him ingredients to make it again. Recipe and Cree language included
Black Bear, Red Fox: Colours in Cree	X			X			X				Animal board book using Cree words with pronunciation chart
Canoe Kids, Volume 1		X				X	X			X	Excellent magazine! Features: Great Spirit Island People of the three fires, Cheemaun, The Birch Bark Canoe
Canoe Kids, Volume 2		X				X	X			X	Excellent magazine! Features: The Haida, people of Haida Gwaii, Tluu: Dugout Canoe, The Watchman: Tradition and Culture
Canoe Kids, Volume 3		X				X	X			X	V3: The Mi'kmaq of Ktaqamkuk
Celebrate Canada - When the Tide Is Out	X			X		X	X				Coast Salish peoples have always gathered food from the ocean. Find out what they harvest
Community Ties: Take Action for Reconciliation - How are we connected to the land?		X				X				X	Scholastic book related to reconciliation - kid friendly language - intro to Métis, Inuit and FN
Community Ties: Take Action for Reconciliation - What makes communities strong?		X				X	X				Relates to what makes a community - explores FNIM peoples and reconciliation

Dipnetting with Dad	X	X		X		X			X		Picture book about a young boy who is old enough to participate in the salmon fishing with his family in the Chilcotin/Cariboo
Elements of Indigenous Style: A Guide for Writing by and About Indigenous Peoples			X	X						X	Brief guide to 22 succinct Indigenous writing styles and stories of Indigenous authors
How Devil's Club Came to Be		X				X	X				Tlingit picture book about how Raven's niece sets out to save her village from a disease using devil's club - connections to land, place and medicine
I am Dreaming of... Animals of the Native Northwest	X					X		X			Rhyming board book using First Nations Art of the North West (Musqueam)
I Know I am Precious and Sacred	X			X			X		X		In this picture book, grandfather explains to his granddaughter what it means to be precious and sacred
I was Born Precious and Sacred	X								X		Picture book that celebrates First Peoples
Indigenous Writes: A Guide to First Nations, Métis and Inuit Issues in Canada										X	Teachers wanting an introduction to Canada's Indigenous Peoples, this book is a great start
Jenneli's Dance		X						X	X		Jenneli learns about the Métis Red River Jig from her Grandma - focus on low self-esteem and cultural pride

Lessons from Mother Earth	X	X				X					Picture book - a young girl goes out with her grandmother to learn about Mother Nature's garden
Let's Go : A Harvest Story	X	X	X				X				Picture book that connects TEKW with the connection to land, place, resources and ethnobotany
Little You	X			X					X		Rhyming board book about identity
Loose Parts 3: Inspiring Culturally Sustainable Environments										X	Loose Parts 3 contains inspiration and guidance on how to create early childhood environments that are culturally sensitive
Mathology - A Family Cookout	X				X						Join a Dené family at their cookout campsite. Find out what makes this a special day. Use barcode to have story read aloud
Mathology - Acorns for Wilaiya	X				X						Wilaiya learns to count numbers while visiting the park with Grandmother - Use barcode to have story read aloud
Mathology - Back to Batoche	X				X						A family enjoys many different activities at the Back to Batoche Métis Festival - Use barcode to have story read aloud
Mathology - Calla's Jingle Dress	X				X						Calla and Grandmother enjoy making Calla's first jingle dress. Use barcode to have story read aloud

Mathology - Canada's Oldest Sport	X				X						Mom takes her kids to a lacrosse game - pride in the game as it was first played by First Nations peoples
Mathology - Let's Play Waltes - traditional Mi'kmaq Game	X				X						Callie has lots of fun learning to play a traditional Mi'kmaq game with her grandmother. Use barcode to have story read aloud
Mathology - Memory Book	X				X						A collection of photos helps Art remember the good times he had with his aunty - fishing, camping, berry picking. Use barcode to have story read aloud
Mathology - We Can Bead	X				X						Grandmother teaches her grandson how to bead and the origins of beads. Use barcode to have story read aloud
Métis Christmas Mittens		X		X			X		X		Beautiful picture book. The Métis often didn't have money to buy expensive presents, but instead made practical items with much love
Missing Nimâmâ			X	X			X		X		Mature picture book that shares the story of one girl who is missing her mother - recognizes the challenges faced through the MMIW
Moonshot - vol. 1 & 2			X	X							Indigenous comic collection - has some mature content
My First Métis Lobstick		X		X			X	X			Beautiful picture book about the focusing on a Métis family's preparations for a lobstick celebration and feast in the boreal forest. Includes CD

My Heart Fills with Happiness	X			X					X		Board book that explores First Peoples identity
Nowhere Else on Earth: Standing Tall for the Great Bear Rainforest		X	X			X	X			X	Stories and history of the Great Bear Rainforest - beautiful companion to the Great Bear Sea curriculum - connecting land, place and identity
One Eagle Soaring	X				X				X		Counting board book - K/1, using four-legged, finned and winged creatures (art by Roy Henry Vickers)
Owls & Loons	X			X		X			X		Inuit board book - K/1, uses Cape Dorset images of owls and loons
Pacific Northwest Plant Knowledge Cards		X	X			X	X			X	Plant cards provides numerous local examples of plants and what part of the plants are used as medicines. Also includes names in three local indigenous languages
Peace Dancer (4th in a series)		X		X			X	X			Beautifully illustrated picture book about Tsimshian children disrespecting crow and the consequences
Pepere Played the Fiddle	X			X					X		Readers learn about the importance of the fiddle and music in relation to the Métis peoples
P'ésk'a and the First Salmon Ceremony		3, X		X				X			Relates to the Salmon Ceremony and the St'ailes people

Potlatch as Pedagogy: Learning Through Ceremony										X	Inspired by Haida ceremonial practice, father and daughter present a model for learning that is holistic, relational, practical, and continuous
Powwow Dancing with Family	X	X		X				X		X	Written from a powwow dancer - explains protocols - regalia and more
Raven's Feast	X	X		X							Raven finds himself very lonely so hosts a feast for the two-legged (Haida Story)
RBC Museum Handbook - Plant Technology of First Peoples in BC			X				X			X	Focuses on plants that provide heat, shelter, transportation, clothing, tools, nets, ropes, and containers
Red Parka Mary	X	X		X						X	A young boy connects and becomes to cherish their friendship
Righting Canada's Wrongs: Residential Schools			X					X		X	This book explores the devastating impact on Canada's Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Findings and Calls for Action
Road Allowance Kitten		X						X			This story introduces the history of the Road Allowance which greatly affected the Métis. Includes CD
Shanyaak'utlaax: Salmon Boy		X	X				X	X		X	Tlingit picture book that teaches what happens when a little boy offends the Salmon People - explores identity

Sleds and Toboggans	X			X			X				Learn about the Inuit and their use of sleds and toboggans
Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox	X	X					X		X		Relates to identity and is based on the Anishinabe animal totems
Speaking Our Truth							X			X	This book is a good introduction reference book for teachers wanting to understand the impact of IRS and the importance of reconciliation
Spirit Bear	X			X		X	X				Picture book related to the Gitga'at First Nation story of spirit bear
Spirit Bear: Fishing for Knowledge, Catching Dreams		X		X			X		X		Picture book about Little Spirit Bear's adventure as he learns about Shannen's Dream of safe and comfy schools for every First Nations student - based on a true story of Shannen Koostachin
Stolen Words		X		X			X		X		Grandfather recalls losing his words after being sent to IRS. His granddaughter helps him find his words through a Cree dictionary she gets at school
Strong Stories - Granny and I Get Traditional Names		3, X		X			X				Beautiful story that talks about the protocols involved in getting a traditional name from a Coast Salish perspective
Strong Stories - Kwakwaka'wakw Series (8 titles)		3, X									A Kwakwaka'wakw Potlatch; The Cedar Tree Our Culture, Our tree; Traditional Berry Picking; Button Blankets; Hereditary Chiefs and Matriarchs, Our Traditional Medicines; Planning a Potlatch; Strength Our "Ways of Knowing"

Strong Stories - The Cedar Tree- The Heart of our People		3, X		X		X	X				Learn about the importance of the cedar tree to the culture and history of Coast Salish people
Sukaq and the Raven		X				X					Inuit story of how the raven created the world
Sweetest Kulu	X			X							Inuit bedtime poem
The Art of Land-Based Early Learning: Vol. I The Emergence of Natural Materials and Ecological Connections										X	Outstanding teacher reference for connecting natural materials and ecology for early learning
The Art of Land-Based Early Learning: Vol. II The Emergence of the Artist, Artwork, and Community Connections										X	Outstanding teacher reference exploring the emergence of the artist, artwork and community connections
The Bannock Book	X						X				Book includes two recipes for Bannock - relates to healthy eating
The Canoe He Called Loo Taas	X					X	X				Picture book telling the story of Bill Reid's Loo Taas canoe (Wave Eater)
The Chilkat Blanket		X					X	X			Tlingit girl needs to use her knowledge of the land and animals to help her. Relates to Tlingit Tribe

The Diamond Willow Walking Stick		X		X			X	X			Métis story - A Traditional Métis Story About Generosity
The Eagle's Path		X					X		X		This story addresses Two-Spirit identity and the cultural identity of a young Mohawk as she is taught the value of honesty, wisdom and courage
The Flora and Fauna of Coastal British Columbia			X			X				X	Excellent resource for exploring ethnobotany - pictures are clear! includes description, etymology and habitat
The Giving Tree: A Retelling of a Traditional Métis Story	X	X		X			X	X			Métis story - relates to Métis values (chart included) Beautiful traditional story. Art is inspiring
The Great Bear Sea: Exploring the Marine Life of a Pacific Paradise		X	X			X	X			X	A reference guide and stories that share the history and connection of the Great Bear Sea - great companion to the Great Bear Sea curriculum
The Journey Forward: A novella on Reconciliation (When We Play our Drums, they Sing; Lucy & Lola)		X	X	X			X		X		Two beautiful stories about reconciliation from the lens of First Nations children - Gr. 6+ (some mature content in one story)
The Legend of Lightning and Thunder		X		X			X				Inuit story passed down through different generations of how lightning and thunder were created
The Mask That Sang		X	X	X			X				Story of reconciliation, identity, overcoming bullying and stereotypes - beautiful read

The Night Sky		X		X		X	X				FNIM elders share many stories of the beautiful night sky. Find out what some stories tell us
The Orange Shirt Story		X		X							This is the story of Phyllis Webstad and how Orange Shirt Day came to be
The Origin of Day and Night		3, X		X			X				Origin of day and night - Inuit story
The Pow-wow	X						X		X		Picture book about a young powwow dancer in Saskatchewan
The Raven and the Loon		X		X			X		X		This picture book describes how Raven and Loon got their colourings. Inuit story
The Salmon Bears		X	X			X	X			X	A reference guide and stories that explore the balance between grizzly, black and spirit bears of the Great Bear Rainforest - great companion for the Great Bear Sea curriculum
The Salmon Run	X	X				X					Picture book that follows the salmon journey back home to her spawning grounds
The Sea Wolves: Living Wild in the Great Bear Rainforest		X	X			X	X			X	Reference guide and stories that depict the day to day lives of the sea wolves along BC's coast in the Great Bear Rainforest

The Secret of Your Name		X		X			X				A powerful book in which David Bouchard explores his own Métis identity
The Two Sisters		X		X			X				Squamish story - related to the Lions mountains in North Vancouver
The Water Walker		X		X		X	X		X		Picture book: Nokomis Josephine Mandamin, an Ojibwe grandmother, walks to raise awareness of our need to protect water
Trudy's Rock Story	X	X							X		Trudy's grandmother taught her how to get her sad and angry feelings to go. A lovely First Nations story with great illustrations
Truth and Reconciliation in Canadian Schools		X	X				X			X	This is a teacher resource to help plan lessons related to IRS - provides practice suggestions
Tulugaq: An oral history of Ravens		3, X		X		X					Collection of short stories and narratives that explores Raven's place in the North
We All Count: A book of Cree numbers	X						X				Learn to count up to 10 in Cree - includes pronunciation guide
We are all Connected Series: Coast Salish		3, X				X	X				Excellent resource related to rainforests and life cycle of cougars, includes story

We are all Connected Series: Haisla		3, X				X	X				Excellent resource related to the life cycle of the chinook salmon, includes story
We are all Connected: Inuit		3, X				X	X				Excellent resource related to the Tundra, and life cycle ravens, includes story
We are all Connected: Lakota		3, X				X	X				Excellent resource related to mixed grasslands and life cycle of bald eagles
We are all Connected: Métis		3, X				X	X				Excellent resource related to wetlands and life cycle of the mallards
We are all Connected: Nisga'a		3, X				X	X				Excellent resource related to ponds and life cycle of leopard frogs - includes story
We are all Connected: Nlaka'pamux		3, X				X	X				Excellent resource related to grasslands and life cycle of rattlesnakes - includes story
We are all Connected: Sto:lo		X		X		X	X				Excellent resource related to forests and life cycle of black bears - includes story
We are the Land: Take Action for Reconciliation		X					X				Scholastic - another book exploring reconciliation in relation to land, importance of water, treaties

We Sang You Home	X								X		Rhyming board book - K/1
Welcome Family and Friends to Our Big House		X					X				This lengthy book is told through the eyes of a 12 year old. She describes the potlatch and preparation for it
When the Trees Crackle with Cold	X	X				X	X				Picture book that describes the Cree calendar (12 moons) - beautiful illustrations - Cree words
When We Were Alone		X		X			X		X		A young girl spends time with her grandmother and notices things about her. Why does she have braids, why does she speak a different language
Whistle		X	X	X					X		Short story about a young boy and how he learns to deal with bullying - excerpt rewritten from The Lesser Blessed
Wild Berries	X	X		X		X	X		X		English and Cree story about a young girl spending the day picking berries with her grandmother
You Hold Me Up	X			X					X		Encourages children to show love and support for each other and to consider each other's well-being in their everyday actions