

Indigenous Inclusion Education Resources

Curricular Resources

Montana Indian Education for All Standards

Many states have educational standards related to teaching about Native Americans. Montana was the first to pass “required” standards called Indian Education For all (IEFA). Look to see if your state has educational standards to teach native and non-native students about Native American.

[Classroom Resources](#) – this includes lessons by subject area with CCSS and NGSS correlations and links to more information.

[Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian](#)

Great classroom resources as well as general educational resources under the “Education” tab. The museum also has their own essential understanding (standards) of Native Americans.

<https://americanindian.si.edu/>

[Northern Arizona University American Indian Education](#)

A website with links to MANY resources on Native American resources including books, programs and curriculum sites.

[Lessons of our Land](#)

Curriculum for Pre-K through 12 educators to incorporate Native American stories into their curriculum/program. It includes sample curriculum and aligns with educational standards.

This program is created by the [Indian Land Tenure Foundation](#), an organization that educates Indian landowners, tribal leaders, youth and others about Indian land tenure issues.

[Alaska Native Knowledge Network](#)

Database of lessons with searchable database by grade, standard and content.

[Everyday Native](#)

A resource for teachers grades 4-12. Set up free account to access. Wonderful resources about the vibrant culture of Native Americans today. <https://everydaynative.com/>



PlaceNames

A University of Montana curricular resource that explores having a sense of place. It allows you go on a virtual tour of the Flathead Indian Reservation in Montana. It also contains various resources including photos, curricular PDF downloads. This website is still being populated (as of March 2022) but contains some nice reflection about sense of place.

Books for Youth

From Northern Arizona University, this website lists suggested books by grade level with discussion points and overview- <https://jan.ucc.nau.edu/~jar/AIE/ICbooks.html>

Bull Trout's Gift- a story about the restoration project of bull trout on the Flathead Reservation in Montana. Written by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

Shi-shi-etko – by Nicola I. Campbell. A children story and picture book about a child leaving to go to a mandated boarding school for Native American youth. Great way to introduce Indian boarding schools to classrooms (a dark history often not taught in the U.S.)

Nibi Emosaawdang / The Water Walker by Joanne Robertson – a dual language (Ojibwe and English) story about a love for water.

Books on Boarding/Residential Schools

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They Called Me Number One: Secrets and Survival at an Indian Residential School by Bev Sellars

The Other Slavery: The Uncovered Story of Indian Enslavement in America by Andrés Reséndez

Education for Extinction: American Indians and the Boarding School Experience, 1875–1928 by David Wallace Adams

Stringing Rosaries: The History, the Unforgivable, and the Healing of Northern Plains American Indian Boarding School Survivors by Denise K. Lajimodiere

Children Left Behind: The Dark Legacy of Indian Mission Boarding Schools by Tim Giago (Author), Denise Giago (Illustrator)



Other Book Recommendations

From the Northern Arizona University website: <https://jan.ucc.nau.edu/~jar/AIE/AIEbooks.html>

The Inconvenient Indian—Thomas King. He is Indigenous and was born in the continental US but now lives in Guelph, Ontario. He has his doctorate and teaches at the University level. His book gives lots of examples from both Canada and the US. The illustrated version is worth the extra cost. You can order it from Amazon. It is easy to read and Dr. King has a sense of humor to help make it easier to read the uncomfortable information.

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee – Dee Brown

Autobiography of Red Cloud – Edited by R. Eli Paul

The Indians Won - Martin Cruz Smith

Son of the Morning Star – Evan Connell

Scottish Highlanders, Indian Peoples – James Hunter

Videos/Movies/TV

Unseen Tears - documentary on Boarding/Residential Schools. “*Survivors of the Thomas Indian School and the Mohawk Institute discuss the abuse they endured and the systematic assault on their language and culture.*”

Reservation Dogs on FX – “*From Co-Creators and Executive Producers Sterlin Harjo and Taika Waititi, Reservation Dogs is a half-hour comedy that follows the exploits of “Elora Danan” (Devery Jacobs), “Bear Smallhill” (D’Pharaoh Woon-A-Tai), “Willie Jack” (Paulina Alexis) and “Cheese” (Lane Factor), four Indigenous teenagers in rural Oklahoma. After the death of the fifth member of the Reservation Dogs, the crew took to stealing, scheming and saving in order to vicariously fulfill his dream of reaching the exotic, mysterious and faraway land of California. But after a promising start to their criminal endeavors, including the legendary heist of a Flaming Flamers chips truck, swiping some old lady’s weed edibles and some low-grade grand theft auto, the plan went bust. The gang disbanded, with everyone trying to forge their own paths.*”

