

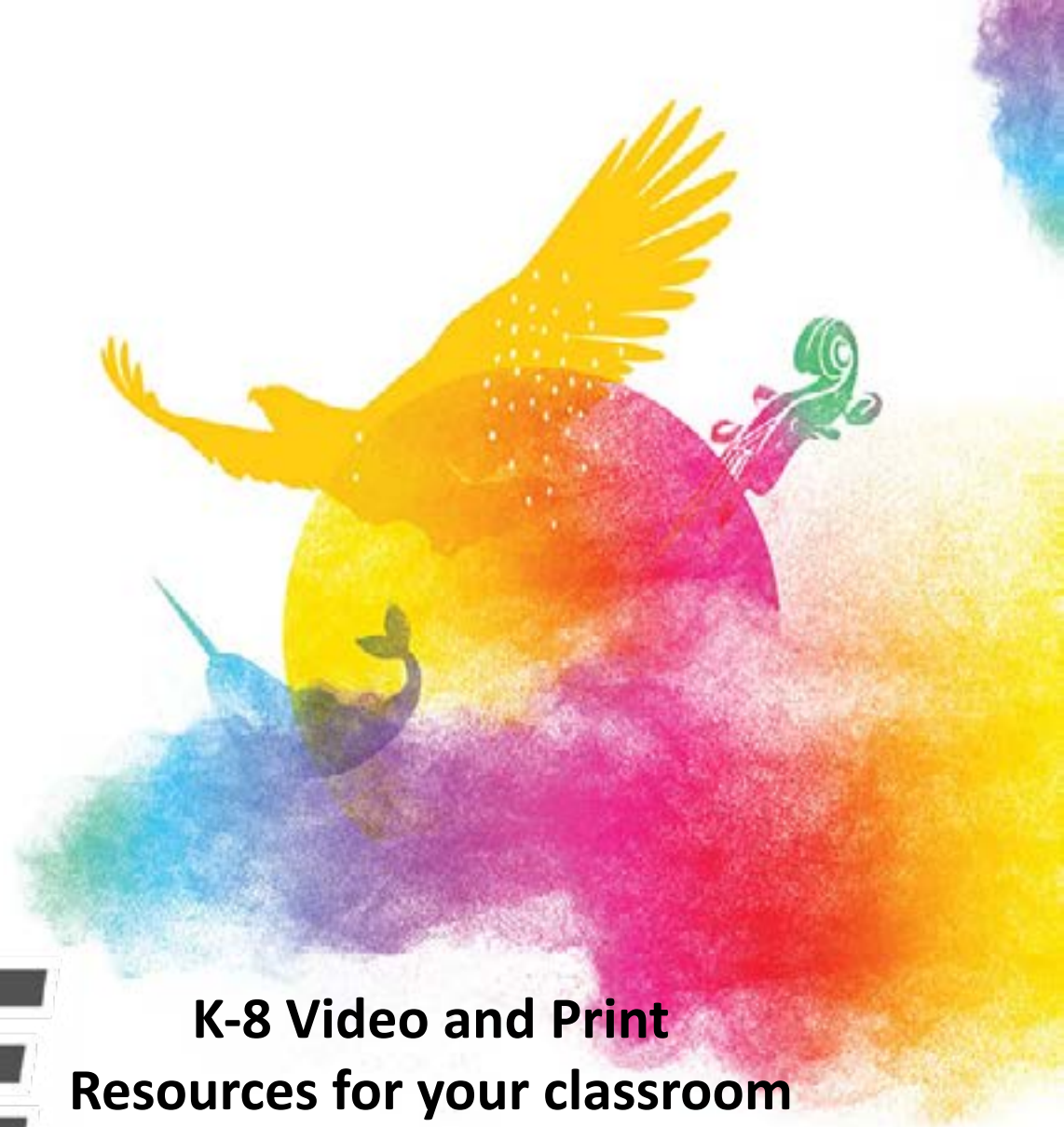


National Indigenous History **Month**

#NIHM2023

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**K-8 Video and Print
Resources for your classroom**



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

To honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada and recognize the strength of present-day Indigenous communities.

National Indigenous History Month is a time for learning about, appreciating and acknowledging the contributions First Nations, Inuit and Métis people have made in shaping Canada.

In this catalogue, we recognize the amazing Indigenous and non-Indigenous filmmakers we partner with across the country. Their work is invaluable in the continued development of knowledge and respect of Indigenous peoples across the country.

Login to your **ONCORE** subscription to view these incredible programs.



THE SEVEN SACRED LAWS

The Seven Sacred Laws is a colourful and imaginative animated series that follows a young boy on an Indigenous rite of passage: a vision quest. On his spiritual journey, he meets seven sacred animals that teach him how we as people should live our lives on Mother Earth.

Written by the late Anishinaabe Elder, Dr. David Courchene, directed by Indigenous filmmaker, Erica Daniels of Peguis First Nation, and created by Manitoba's Peg City Pictures Inc., the vignettes tell the stories of Indigenous Peoples in their own voices.

The Seven Sacred Laws are important teachings in our cultures as the Original People of Turtle Island. They are ancestral values that inspire our conduct as human beings and bring us back to a relationship with the Earth.

[Episode 1: The Creation Story \(4:03\)](#) - A young boy sets out on a vision quest in a sacred place known as Manito Api, which translates to "where the Creator sits".

[Episode 2: Buffalo \(Respect\) \(3:05\)](#) - An apparition of a buffalo emerges from the sacred fire and teaches the boy the law of respect.

[Episode 3: Eagle \(Love\) \(3:11\)](#) - A large eagle appears overhead to teach the law of love.

[Episode 4: Bear \(Courage\) \(3:10\)](#) - A bear emerges from the woods and startles the boy, as he learns about the law of courage.

[Episode 5: Sabe \(Honesty\) \(3:29\)](#) - A large and imposing creature similar to Bigfoot appears and teaches the boy about honesty.

[Episode 6: Beaver \(Wisdom\) \(2:50\)](#) - A beaver scurries up to the boy to provide the law of wisdom.

[Episode 7: Wolf \(Humility\) \(3:05\)](#) - The boy is approached cautiously by a wolf, who explains to him the value of humility.

[Episode 8: Turtle \(Truth\) \(4:34\)](#) - A beautiful song draws the boy to a special encounter with a turtle, who helps him understand the importance of truth.

Grades 1-8 Science, Language, Arts, Social Studies 2021 From Canadian producer, Peg City Pictures

[Resource Guide here.](#) [Teaching Tools Guide here.](#)

Videos also available with [French subtitles](#) and [Anishinaabe subtitles](#).



THE ORPHAN AND THE POLAR BEAR

According to Inuit oral history, long ago animals had the power of speech, could shift their appearances, and could even assume human form. In *The Orphan and the Polar Bear*, a neglected orphan is adopted by a polar bear elder. Under the bear's guidance, the little orphan learns the skills he will need to survive and provide for himself. Based on the best selling book by Sakiasi Qaunaq.

BONUS MATERIAL: Includes [40 page book study](#) exploring Inuit culture through legends and discusses important themes like bullying and perseverance. As they participate in reading, writing, oral communication, comprehension, and reflection activities, students will become more knowledgeable about the following topics of study: what makes a story a legend, what are the different parts of a story and what it would be like to be an author.

From Taqqut Productions, an Inuit-owned film production company located in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

Grades 1-5 Language/ Social Studies/ Health and Physical Education
9 mins 2013



ARCTIC STORIES: FISHING WITH GRANDMA

Adventure begins when Grandma takes her two grandchildren out for a trip to the lake. After showing the kids how to prepare for a fishing trip, Grandma and the kids enjoy a day of jigging in the ice for fish. Grandma shows them every step they need to know to complete a successful fishing trip, from what clothes to wear, to how to drill and clear holes in the ice, to how to make a traditional Inuit jigging rod. By the end of the day, the kids have a yummy meal of Arctic char, and they have also learned everything they need to know to go out on the lake on their own.

Written by Susan Avingaq and Maren Vsetula
Illustrated by Charlene Chua

From Taqqut Productions, an Inuit-owned film production company located in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

Grades K-3 Language/ Social Studies 2018 3:59 min

Other programs from Taqqut that you'll find on ON-CORE.

- The Orphan and the Polar Bear
- Amaqqut Nunaat: The Country of Wolves
- Siku & Kamik Go to School
- On the Shoulder of a Giant: An Inuit Folktale
- Vivi's New Kamiks
- Grandmother Ptarmigan
- Out on the Ice
- The Legend of Lightning and Thunder
- The Outpost Camp



SHINE

From Raven's Quest Season 3

Shine is 7 years old and from the Tsuut'ina First Nation. Shine loves to play hockey with their cousins – they are there for the fun, plus their skills are getting better and better. After showing us their room, Shine and their mom make pancakes – and a super healthy smoothie! While having their hair braided, Shine explains that keeping your hair long is important for Tsuut'ina people. They also help us understand what it means to be “two-spirit!”

The entire Raven's Quest Series (Seasons 1, 2, & 3) are available on ON-CORE.

Each season features first-person profiles of Indigenous kids from across the country showcasing different children and their unique perspective on their day-to-day hobbies, their talents, and First Nations, Métis or Inuit practices.

*From Canadian producer, Apartment 11.
Grades 2-4 Social Studies, Health and Physical Education
7 mins 2022*



RAVEN TALES

[Season 1 here!](#) [Season 2 here!](#)

This series follows the adventures of Raven, the most powerful deity of indigenous mythology, and a cast of humans as they re-tell the traditional stories of the Northwest Coast First Nations People, the Kwakwaka wakw, the Squamish and the Haida.

*Grades 4-8 Language, Science 2004-2007
2 Seasons (26 x 21 min episodes)
From Canadian producer, Arcana Studios*

Includes:

[How Raven Stole the Sun](#)
[Raven and the First People](#)
[The Sea Wolf](#)
[Gone Fishing](#)
[Love and War](#)
[Bald Eagle](#)
[The Child of Tears](#)
[Howl at the Moon](#)
[Raven and the Coyote](#)
[Raven Gets Sick](#)
[The Flood](#)
[The Gathering](#)
[The Rough Face Girl](#)

[Dream, Dream, Dream](#)
[Dog Days](#)
[Great Bear Rock](#)
[Baby Blues](#)
[Starlight, Starbright](#)
[The Games](#)
[Spiders and Dreams:](#)
[Bukwas](#)
[Work and Play](#)
[Change and Butterflies](#)
[A Day in the Life](#)
[The Return of Kulos:](#)
[Musicians of the Sun](#)



[Canot Cocasse Serie](#)

Un canot cocasse, magique et multiforme, transporte les voyageurs du camp Manitou lors d’aventures extraordinaires, grâce auxquelles ils découvrent mille et une choses dans l’univers qui les entoure, ainsi qu’au fond d’eux-mêmes!

Grades 1-3 Language Arts - Compréhension et réaction
25 min each From Canadian producer, Manito Cocasse

[Colouring Book PDF](#)



[Spirit Bear: Fishing for Knowledge, Catching Dreams](#)

Based on a True Story.

This stop-motion animation of the book by the same name was adapted for screen by Michif animator Amanda Strong and Cindy Blackstock.

Spirit Bear is off on another adventure! Follow him as he learns about traditional knowledge and Residential Schools from Uncle Huckleberry and his friend, Lak’insxw, before heading to Algonquin territory, where children teach him about Shannen’s Dream. Spirit Bear and his new friends won’t stop until **Shannen’s Dream** of “safe and comfy schools” comes true for every First Nations student.

Grades 3-8 Social Studies/ Language
2022 22:30 min First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada

[Spirit Bear E-Book](#)
[Spirit Bear Learning Guide](#)
[Spirit Bear’s Guide to Reconciliation](#)

[Canot Cocasse: Histoire de cadeaux](#)

Au camp, les enfants se préparent à faire un échange de projets artisanaux. Nico n’est pas satisfait des sculptures de chevaux qu’il a faites. Pam est très contente de ses broderies de perles, tellement qu’elle veut les garder pour elle-même. Julie fait des dessins qu’elle aime mais elle trouve qu’il y manque quelque chose. Ne trouvant pas d’idée pour les améliorer, elle se frustre. Dans leur aventure cocasse chez Kokum, Nico et Pam se font raconter des histoires qui leur fournissent ce dont ils ont besoin pour offrir leurs cadeaux, et Kokum donne à Julie l’occasion de créer sa propre histoire afin de découvrir ce qu’elle pourrait ajouter à son cadeau!

Spirit Bear and Children Make History



[Spirit Bear and Children Make History](#) is an animated production that tells the true story about how Spirit Bear, from the Carrier Sekani Territory in BC, and his friends stood up for First Nations children and helped make *Jordan's Principle* a reality.

From First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada.
Grades 6-8 Social Studies 2020 26:28 min

[Print Resource Guide](#)
[Spirit Bear E-Book](#)

[Lessons Plans](#)
[Spirit Bear's Guide to Reconciliation](#)



**Learn about all things science.
Drawing on wisdom from
pioneers in Indigenous science!**

Grades 3-8 Science, Arts, Mathematics
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Featured guests include: Astronomer Dr. Robert Cardinal, Dr. Ruby Dunstan, Architect Douglas Cardinal, Musician Sherryl Sewepagaham, Chief Calvin Craigan, Archaeologist Dr. Rudy Reimer, Ethnobotanist Cease Wyss and many more!

“Do you want to inspire young people to explore the amazing world of science? Coyote Science takes viewers on a culturally rich adventure into the fun and wonder of Indigenous science. Youth and educators will love this colourful, exciting show that brings our beautiful and complex universe alive.

Our young scientists are encouraged to ask questions, to make their own observations, to unravel How? and Why? Their natural curiosity is sparked as they learn from a dazzling variety of sources — Indigenous scientists and knowledge holders, animated stories, experiments, music, and Indigenous Science Questers investigating their world. Indigenous knowledge sure is dynamic!

[Season 1 here!](#)
[Season 2 here!](#)



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