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Indigenous Education Resources: Where do I start?

“I don’t know what I don’t know . . .”

“I don’t want to offend or say something wrong. . .”

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What is Reconciliation?



<https://vimeo.com/25389165>



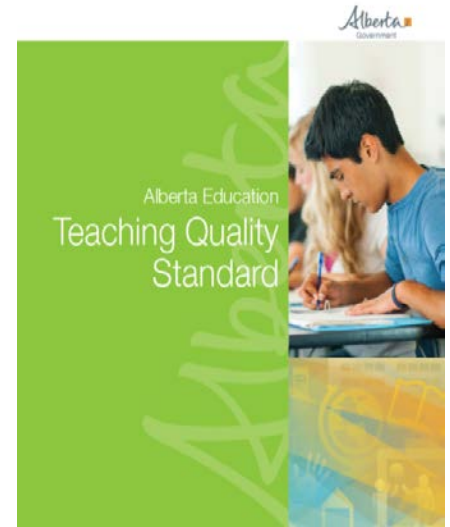
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Reflection on resources to support . . .

(d) supporting the learning experiences of all students by using resources that accurately reflect and demonstrate the strength and diversity of First Nations, Métis and Inuit.



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first nations



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Why are some First Nations le...
macleans.ca



Absorbing First Nations drama Before ...
straight.com



First Nations Financial Managemen...
fnmb.com



GUEST COLUMN: Feds' 201...
torontosun.com



How can these images inadvertently promote negative stereotypes?



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Why is this (*still*) important?



<https://aptnnews.ca/2019/02/11/school-board-in-new-brunswick-takes-childrens-book-about-scalping-off-the-library-shelves/>



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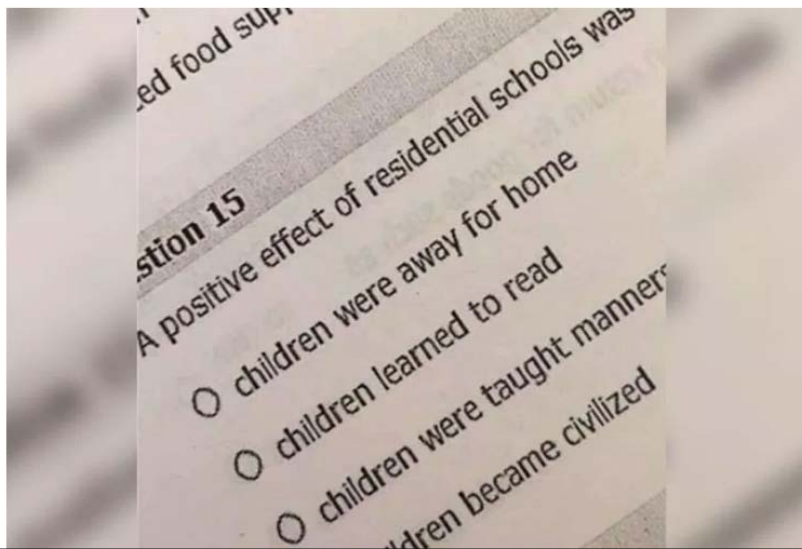
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Potential Pitfalls . . .

Alberta education minister apologizes for 'hateful' school resource about the 'positive effect' of residential schools

The superintendent of the St. Paul school division is apologizing after a student circulated a social studies question online asking about the "positive effect of residential schools."

JANET FRENCH Updated: September 21, 2018



Unreserved

Alberta government 'censored' Indigenous book, undermining reconciliation in schools, author says



Province added David Alexander Robertson's graphic novel to not-recommended list due to 'sensitive content'

CBC Radio - Posted: Nov 25, 2018 12:16 PM ET | Last Updated: November 23, 2018



Award-winning author David Alexander Robertson says books like Betty: The Helen Betty Osborne Story help teachers educate youth about Indigenous experiences and history. (John Woods/Canadian Press)



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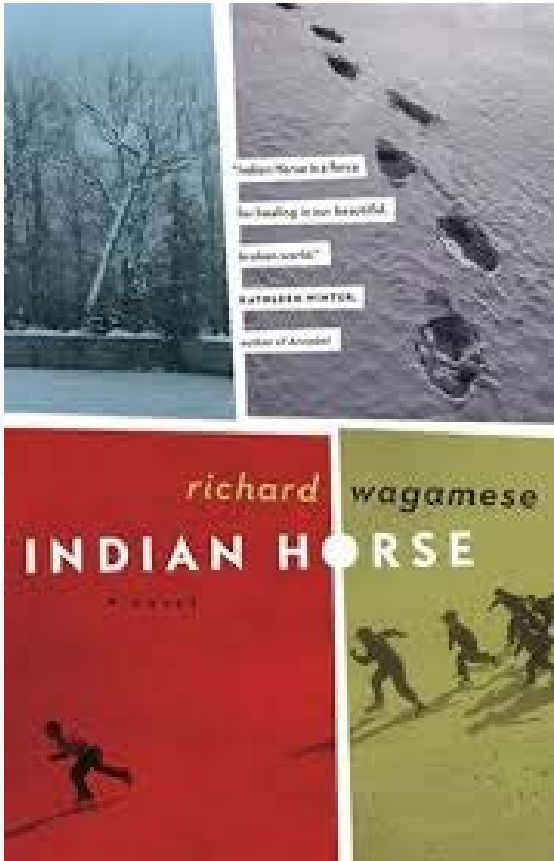
Examining Tools to Critically Review Resources

Considerations? Challenges?

- Terminology
- Cultural authenticity
- Historical and contemporary accuracy
- Imagery
- Diversity
- Indigenous authors/illustrators/advisory



Terminology

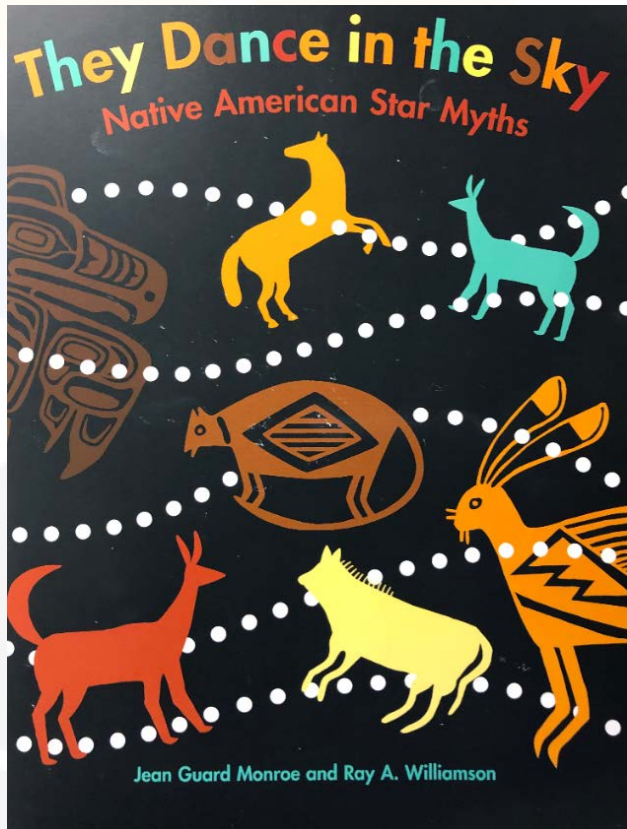


Language is inclusive and respectful of linguistic, geographical, political and cultural diversity;

- Appropriate and accurate terms
- Avoid discriminatory terms to describe speech



Cultural Authenticity, Historical and Contemporary Accuracy

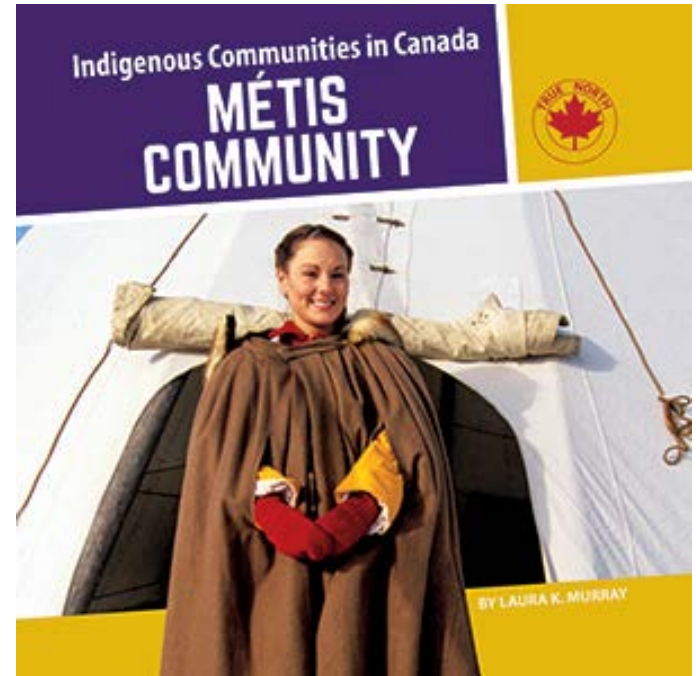


- Recognizes value of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit stories and legends rather than fables, myths, or magic/spells
- Avoid terms that imply history began with European Contact

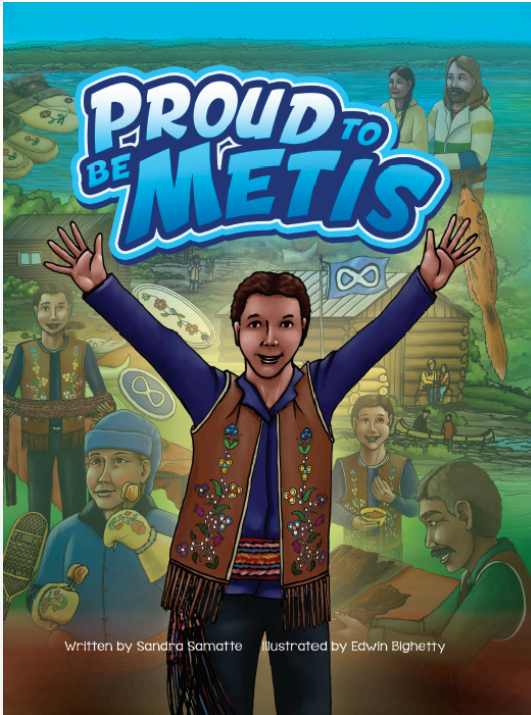


Imagery

- Avoids depicting First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples as existing only in the past or as part of fiction
- Shows First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples expressing a wide range of emotions to avoid stereotypes



Diversity



- Recognize that diversity exists even within First Nations, Métis, and Inuit individuals, groups and communities
- Represent First Nations, Métis, and Inuit worldviews, cultures and knowledge systems as unique while avoiding generalizations



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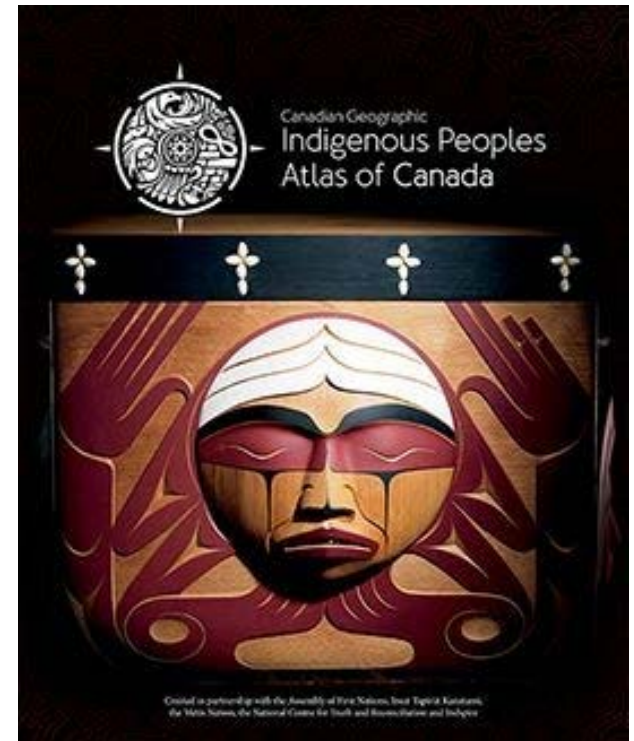


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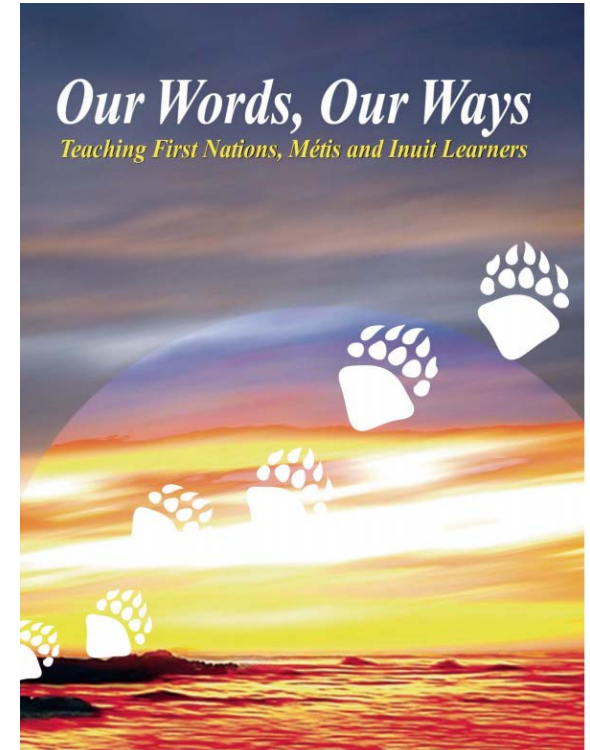
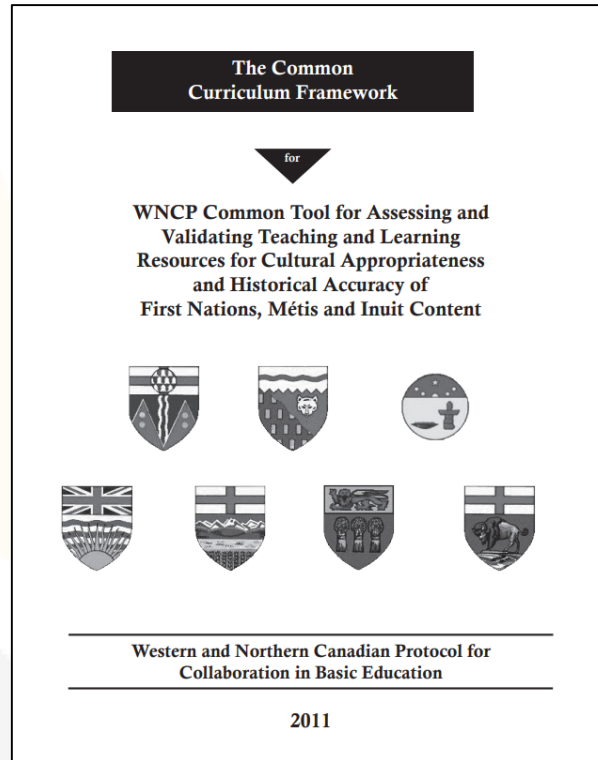
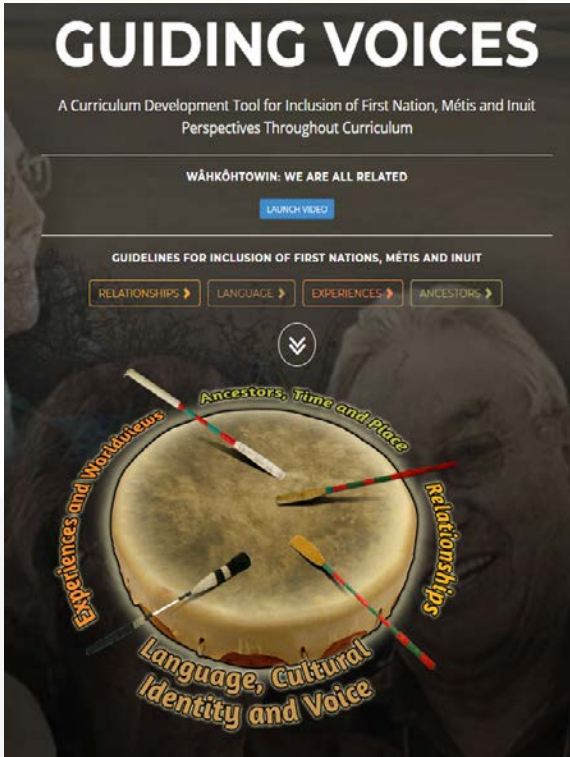
Indigenous authors/illustrators/advisory

Provides evidence that First Nations, Métis, and Inuit individuals, groups and/or Elders/Knowledge Keepers -

- Were involved in the development,
- Validated and/or approved the content



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<http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/fnmigv/index.html>



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Recommended Literature



Check out recommended literature lists from:

- CBC Indigenous
- National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation



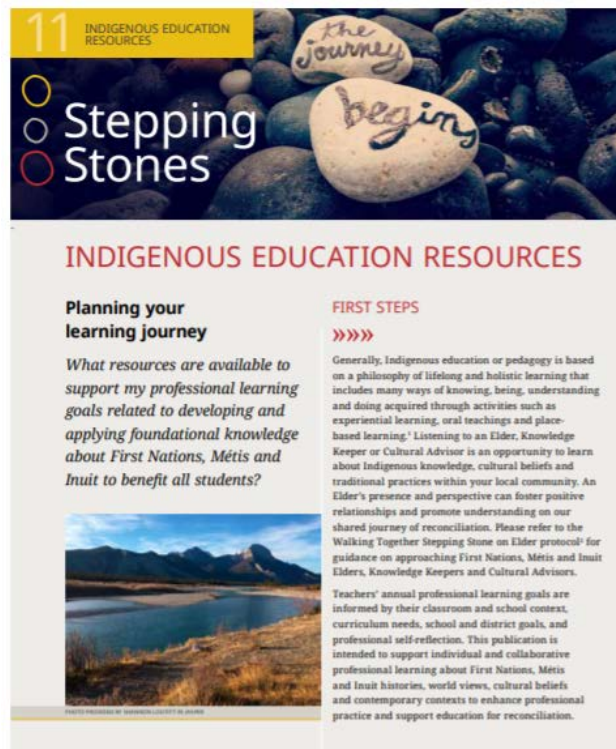
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Another Entry Point for Resources

- Student learning experiences
- Professional learning resources and experiences
- Land & people are natural resources



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