

JUNE IS...

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

In 2009, June was declared National Aboriginal History Month by the House of Commons.

- In 2017, the name was changed to National Indigenous History Month.
- National Indigenous History Month is a time for all Canadians, Indigenous, non-Indigenous and newcomers alike, to reflect and educate ourselves on the strength, history, sacrifices, cultures, and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people.
- It is important to remember that the histories of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples are distinct, with unique histories within each group.

Test your Knowledge

How much do you know about Indigenous people in Canada?

- [Indigenous Peoples Quiz](#) | The Canadian Encyclopedia

Why do non-Indigenous Canadians need to learn about Indigenous history?

- Until recently, many Canadians were unaware of the history between Indigenous Peoples and Canada.
- For many generations, Canadians have lived without ever learning about residential schools, the historical and current effects of the [Indian Act](#), the importance of [treaties](#), or the contributions made by Indigenous Peoples to the diversity of Canada.
- Non-Indigenous Canadians should learn about Indigenous history to recognize the significant role of Indigenous Peoples in shaping the [country](#) and protecting democracy.

Celebrate Indigenous Culture

- [Ontario Pow Wow Calendar: 2025 Edition](#) | Northern Ontario Travel
- [4TH ANNUAL 2-SPIRIT POWWOW](#) | by 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations, Saturday, June 7, at Downsview Park
- [Na-Me-Res POW WOW](#) | Saturday, June 21, at Noon, Fort York
- [McMichael Canadian Art Collection](#) | An iconic collection of Indigenous Canadian art, both historical and contemporary
- [Explore the deep Canadian Indigenous cultural roots of Tkaronto \(Toronto\)](#) | Native Canadian Centre of Toronto

Learn more about Indigenous History Month

- [Key events and developments in Indigenous history in what is now Canada](#) | Historica Canada
- [Find out whose land you are on](#) | Native Land Digital
- [Free Indigenous Canada online course](#) | The University of Alberta
- [8 ways to engage in truth and reconciliation](#) | McMaster University

Learn about the work towards Truth and Reconciliation

- [United Nations Declaration on The Rights of Indigenous Peoples.](#)
- [The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples explained](#)
- [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation: NCTR](#)
- [The Reconciliation Journey](#)
- [Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#)
- [Beyond 94: Where is Canada at with reconciliation?](#)
- [Stories of Hope & Strength](#) - A series of short films showcasing the hope and strength of Indigenous women. These films share personal journeys and wisdom that highlight the value and love inherent in Indigenous communities | YouTube
- [For Love](#), the film explores the link between residential schools and the child welfare system, highlighting the experiences of Indigenous children in foster care. Unlike other films on the topic, "For Love" emphasizes the strength, culture, and resilience of First Nations communities, ultimately delivering a message of hope. [Source](#) | [Netflix Canada](#)

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