



## National Indigenous History Month

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# How to Honour National Indigenous History Month

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The MSA is committed to learning, unlearning, and standing alongside Indigenous students in their experiences, celebrations, and calls for change. We invite you to do the same—not just during Indigenous History Month, but all year long!

By exploring Indigenous history, we can honour the diverse cultures, knowledge, and contributions of Indigenous Peoples and deepen our understanding of the lasting impacts of colonization in Canada.

## Learn about Indigenous History in Canada

Learning is a shared responsibility and is an important part of Truth and Reconciliation. It is important to take time to reflect and actively engage in this learning journey, without placing the burden of teaching solely on Indigenous communities. Here are some great resources to start:

- [Mohawk College Library](#)
- [The Journey of Self Discovery Series via CIRKL](#)
- [Maamwi Hub](#)
- [The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action](#)
- [Indigenous Canada course from University of Alberta](#)

## Explore Indigenous Art, Content & Creators

If you live in Hamilton, you don't have to go far to experience the richness of Indigenous art:

- [Woodland Cultural Centre Museum & Exhibits in Brantford](#)
- 'Seven Sacred Grandfather Teachings' mural by Kyle Joedicke
- 'All Our Relations' art installation by Angela DeMontigny
- 'Eagles Among Us' art installation by David General
- On campus locations including the Wampum Wall in A-Wing, The Hoop Dance Outdoor Space between A & C Wing, and [Kanakti:yo in i-Wing](#)

## Immerse yourself in Indigenous films, literature, and content creators:

- [Mohawk College Library, Indigenous Literature Resources](#)
- [CBC Gem Indigenous Film Collection](#) (available to Mohawk College students)
- [Reel Canada Indigenous-Made Films](#)
- ['In This Together' Fifteen Stories of Truth & Reconciliation](#)
- [chelazonleroux](#), Two-Spirit Indigenous Drag Queen and Instagram Creator
- [Shina Nova](#), Inuk Instagram Creator

## Support Indigenous-Owned Businesses

Supporting Indigenous-owned businesses is a wonderful way to support Indigenous communities, promote sustainable and environmentally conscious practices, and strengthen the economy for everyone in Canada. It can be as simple as grabbing a coffee from [Birch Bark Coffee Company](#), an Indigenous-owned brand proudly served at [Brewed Awakenings](#) on Mohawk's Fennell Campus, or visit some local businesses:

- [Gage Park Diner](#)
- [Goodminds bookstore](#)
- [Mohawk Soap Company](#)
- [Sapling & Flint](#)

## Understanding Connection to Land

If you're interested in developing a land acknowledgement, it's important to understand why Indigenous People will acknowledge the land and their connection to it. Here are some examples of thoughtful land acknowledgements, and resources to craft your own if you choose, which can include your commitments to reconciliation:

- [Mohawk College Land Acknowledgement Page](#)

## Be an Ally

Being an ally to Indigenous communities across Turtle Island means more than showing support—it means taking meaningful action. It involves amplifying and listening to Indigenous voices, committing to personal learning and reflection, supporting Indigenous-led initiatives and spaces, and contributing time or resources to Indigenous community organizations.



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