

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS & RECONCILIATION

TEACHER RESOURCE GUIDES



The *Indian Residential Schools and Reconciliation Teacher Resource Guides*, developed by the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) and the First Nations Schools Association (FNSA), were inspired by the interim report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's recommendation that departments of education develop age-appropriate educational materials about residential schools for use in public and First Nations schools.


These unique, BC-specific resources for grades 5, 10, 11 and 12 are intended for all students and use literature, archival resources, and videos to increase students' understanding of the historical context of residential schools and to promote awareness and engagement in the reconciliation process.

The development of these resource guides was informed by an advisory committee of FNESC, FNSA, Ministry of Education, and BC Teachers' Federation representatives.


The instructional materials include a wealth of lesson plans, suggestions for student activities, reproducible blackline masters, videos and archival materials. The units and lessons support the BC Ministry of Education curriculum learning standards. In addition, due to the nature of the subject matter, the resources contain suggestions for how to deal sensitively with the topic of residential schools.

Find the Indian Residential Schools and Reconciliation Resources at www.fnesc.ca/learningfirstpeoples




 The grade 5 teacher resource guide is adaptable for students from grades 3 to 7 and uses children's literature, enabling a cross-curricular approach with English Language Arts and Social Studies.



 The grade 10 teacher resource guide is designed to help students attain an understanding of the history of the relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people using the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's publication, *"They Came for the Children,"* and a wealth of archival documents.



 The grade 11/12 resource guide can be used in a variety of senior secondary courses. Students examine archival media coverage of First Nations education and residential schools from the early years of colonization in BC to the contemporary era.