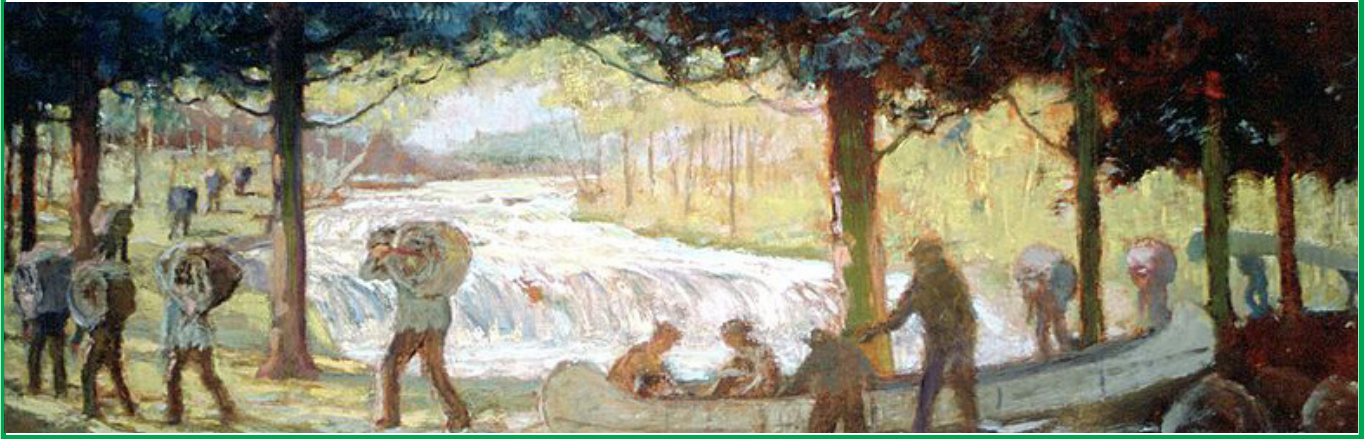


Why Do We Have Land and Treaty Acknowledgments?

Why should we acknowledge Land and Territories?

We show our appreciation for the land that we live, learn and play on with a Land or Territorial Acknowledgement. This is a way for settlers and visitors to show their respect for the Indigenous people of Canada, who have been on these lands generations before us. It is really important that your intentions are meaningful. You are acknowledging the hardships that the Indigenous people have passed through as a result of European colonization. You are also acknowledging that the consequences of colonization can be felt for generations and are still felt today by many Indigenous people.



When do we say a Land and Territorial Acknowledgement?

Land and Territorial Acknowledgements can be said at the beginning of the school day, classes, concerts, presentations, sporting events, or whenever the feeling is right. It is a great idea to voice your gratitude and appreciation for the land you are on and for our Indigenous community every day.

What do we say when we acknowledge Indigenous Land and Territories?

Go to www.native-land.ca where you can see a map of the many nations across our country. There isn't just one way of acknowledging the land that we are on. You should research online which territory you live on to genuinely give thanks.

Thoughtful consideration has been taken to ensure we pay respect to Canada's Indigenous peoples in our resources, with Truth and Reconciliation as our mission.

Here are some examples of Land and Territory Acknowledgments from across Canada:

If you live in **Duncan, British Columbia**, you would be respectfully acknowledging that you are on the land of the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group and the Cowichan First Nations.

If you live in **Regina, Saskatchewan**, you would be respectfully acknowledging that you are on Treaty 8 land, on the lands of Saulteaux (Plains Ojibwa), Plains Cree and Assiniboine Nations.

If you live in **Trois-Riviere, Québec**, you would be respectfully acknowledging that you are on the land of the Première Nation des Abénakis de Wôlinak/First Nation of the Abenakis of Wolniak.

If you live in **St John's, Newfoundland and Labrador**, you would be respectfully acknowledging that you are on the land of the Mi'kmaq, Beothuk and Inuit peoples.

