



Strong Nations

We Bring Indigenous Books Into Your Lives...

Connecting Indigenous Titles to the Core Competencies - Secondary

Communication -The communication competency encompasses the set of abilities that students use to impart and exchange information, experiences and ideas, to explore the world around them, and to understand and effectively engage in the use of digital media.

Books we recommend for Communication:

- Aboriginal Music in Contemporary Canada – communicate genres
- Drum Making – template
- First Nations 101 – communicate understandings
- Great Musicians – communicate genres
- Native American Survival Skills – communicate how to
- Two Houses Half Buried in the Sand – traditional oral storytelling
- We Are Born With the Songs Inside Us – modern oral storytelling

Thinking - The thinking competency encompasses the knowledge, skills and processes we associate with intellectual development. It is through their competency as thinkers that students take subject-specific concepts and content and transform them into a new understanding. Thinking competence includes specific thinking skills as well as habits of mind, and metacognitive awareness.

Books we recommend for Creative Thinking:

- America's Gift – innovations and inventions
- Beadwork: First Peoples' Beading History and Techniques – understanding
- Moonshot: heritage and identity of indigenous storytelling
- The Earth's Blanket – traditional teachings for sustainable living

Books we recommend for Critical Thinking:

- A is for Assimilation – respond to statements
- First Nations 101 – inspire change
- Indian Horse – how the mind protects
- Stealing Indians – different cultures in one place adapting to survive
- The Beothuk – extinction
- Urban Tribes – bringing culture into foreign environments

Personal and Social - Personal and social competency is the set of abilities that relate to students' identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society. Personal and social competency encompasses the abilities students need to thrive as individuals, to understand and care about themselves and others, and to find and achieve their purposes in the world.

Books we recommend for Personal and Cultural Identity:

- Chiwid - looking at various perspectives of one person
- Dreaming In Indian - place in the world
- Embers - joy in the everyday things
- First Nations 101 – cultural identity
- Great Women – role models
- Great Writers – inspiration
- Powwow Highway – ownership of identity
- Sasquatch at Home – modern cultural identity
- The Break – looking at various perspectives of one story

Books we recommend for Personal Awareness and Responsibility:

- Ceremony – finding self through cultural practices
- Crazy Horse's Girlfriend – personal choices (red flag – may be extreme content)
- In the Shadows of Our Ancestors – Indigenous contributions
- The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian - personal choices
- The Curse of the Shaman – responding to cultural protocols
- They Called Me #1 – survival in a residential school

Books we recommend for Social Responsibility:

- Imaginary Indian – preconceived ideas based upon others
- Looks Like Daylight – students respond
- Making Change – crating a vision
- Nowhere Else on Earth – environmental response
- Secret Path – reconciliation
- Wisdom From Our First Nations - examples of actions



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