

Indigenous-Canada Relations Pre-Reading List

****Note:** Because many of the resources aim to cover a wide range of topics, some resources may overlap considerably with other sections.

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Common Myths

Dispelling Common Myths about Indigenous Peoples by Bob Joseph

This [free ebook](#) outlines 9 common myths about Indigenous peoples.

Indigenous Writes: A Guide to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Issues in Canada by Chelsea Vowel

Each chapter in this book can stand on its own to describe and explain specific topics in Indigenous history and issues. The author also includes many great resources to consult if you would like to learn more about a particular topic.

Part 3: Myth-Busting is a useful resource for understanding the circulating myths regarding Indigeneity. Below is the table of contents to guide your reading:

- The Myth of Progress
- The Myth of the Level Playing Field
- The Myth of Taxation
- The Myth of Free Housing
- The Myth of the Drunken Indian
- The Myth of the Wandering Nomad
- The Myth of Authenticity

Where to find this book:

- You can access an [ebook via the UAlberta Library here](#).
- If you live in Edmonton, the Edmonton Public Library also has copies you can borrow! EPL may also have ebook versions available.

Terminology

Indigenous Peoples: A Guide to Terminology

This [resource by Indigenous Corporate Training Inc.](#) can help to clarify some of the terms used throughout Module 3.

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Part 1: The Terminology of Relationships gives a brief overview of terminology for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

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History & Colonial Policies

21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act: Helping Canadians Make Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples a Reality by Bob Joseph

The Indian Act is a formative and unfortunate piece of legislation that shaped and still shapes Indigenous experiences today. The author does a wonderful job helping non-Indigenous readers to understand this legislation and its past and present implications for Indigenous peoples.

There are also some **very useful appendices, including ones on terminology, residential schools, and the TRC's Calls to Action.**

Where to find this book:

- A physical copy can be placed on hold at the Rutherford Library or the library at the Augustana campus from the [UAlberta Library](#).
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Indigenous Canada MOOC via UAlberta

This is a free online course via [Coursera](#) designed and delivered by members of the Faculty of Native Studies at the University of Alberta. Learners in this course can watch videos for each module or follow the readings.

Indigenous Canada MOOC's topics related to the history of Indigenous peoples and Indigenous-Canada relations include:

- Worldview
- Fur Trade
- Trick or Treaty
- New Rules, New Game (The Indian Act)
- "Killing the Indian in the Child" (Residential School System)
- Red Power

Culture & Identity

Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada

This [online atlas](#) was written by The Royal Canadian Geographical Society in conjunction with the Assembly of First Nations, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the Métis Nation, the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation and Indspire.

Here are links to sections on [First Nations](#), [Inuit](#), and [Métis](#) peoples and cultures that are available online.

Note: These go into quite a bit of detail, so keep this in mind if you decide to use this resource. Each section goes into detail about history, culture, and contemporary circumstances for each group.

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Part 2: Culture & Identity gives a brief overview of Indigenous culture and identity. Below is the table of contents to guide your reading:

- Got Status? Indian Status in Canada
- You're Métis? Which of your parents is Métis?: Métis Identity
- Feel the Inukness: Inuit Identity
- Hunter-Gatherers or Trappers-Harvesters? Why Some Terms Matter
- Allowably Indigenous: To Ptarmigan or Notto Ptarmigan: When Indigeneity is Transgressive
- Caught in the Crossfire of Blood-Quantum Reasoning: Popular Notions of Indigenous Purity
- What Is Cultural Appropriation?: Respecting Cultural Boundaries
- Check the Tag on that "Indian" Story: How to Find Authentic Indigenous Stories
- Icewine, Roquefort Cheese, and the Navajo Nation: Indigenous Use of Intellectual Property Laws
- All My Queer Relations: Language, Culture, and Two-Spirit Identity

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The Right to Be Cold: One Woman's Story of Protecting Her Culture, the Arctic, and the Whole Planet by Sheila Watt-Cloutier

This book wonderfully illustrates how Inuit worldview and culture are tied to the land they live in and how, ultimately, threats to the Arctic environment also threaten Inuit culture.

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Indigenous Canada MOOC's topics related to the contemporary issues faced by Indigenous peoples include:

- A Modern Indian?
- Indigenous Women
- Indigenous in the City
- Current Social Movements

National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: Reclaiming Power and Place

The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) compiled a report detailing colonial violence to Indigenous women and girls. This report reveals that persistent and deliberate human and Indigenous rights violations and abuses are the root cause behind Canada's staggering rates of violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA people and shares the findings of their TruthGathering Process by focusing on testimony by survivors of

violence and families, friends, and loved ones of missing and murdered FNMI women and girls. An [executive summary](#) can be found here.

If you would like to read the full report, please [click on this link](#) to find the full report under 'Documents'. This website also offers more information about the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Women and Girls and their mission.

Truth and Reconciliation

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Here is a link to the [Truth and Reconciliation](#) section of the atlas to supplement your learning.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action

This [report by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada](#) provides the 94 calls to action to the Canadian government to address the legacy of residential schools and move toward reconciliation.

Other Fictional & Non-Fictional Works (Just for Fun!)

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