

# Online Resources for teaching Wabanaki/Native American content

## Wabanaki Tribal Websites:

Aroostook Band of Micmacs

[www.micmac-nsn.gov](http://www.micmac-nsn.gov)

Houlton Band of Maliseets

[www.maliseets.com](http://www.maliseets.com)

Penobscot Nation

[www.penobscotnation.org](http://www.penobscotnation.org)

Penobscot Nation Cultural and Historic Preservation Department

<http://www.penobscotculture.com/extended/>

Passamaquoddy Tribe of Maine, Indian Township

[www.passamaquoddy.com](http://www.passamaquoddy.com)

Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point, Sipayik

[www.wabanaki.com](http://www.wabanaki.com)

## Wabanaki-created or co-created resources:

Passamaquoddy-Maliseet Language Portal

<http://pmpportal.org/>

-online interactive dictionary

Penobscot Nation curriculum:

<http://www.penobscotculture.com/extended/index.php/curriculum>

-wide ranging curriculum developed by the Penobscot Nation and partner educators

Mi'kmawe'l Tan Teli-kina'muemk: Teaching About the Mi'kmaq

<http://www.mikmaweydebert.ca/home/sharing-our-stories/education-and-outreach/school-curriculum/>

-curriculum resource developed by a distinguished group of Mi'kmaw educators for the Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre, Nova Scotia

Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission (MITSC) website

<http://www.mitsc.org/>

-includes a number of reports about the Land Claims Settlement and issues that have arisen since

-includes PDFs of the various settlement acts

Musée des Abénakis, Odanak, Québec  
<http://museedesabenakis.ca/data/>

*People of the Dawnland: The Wabanaki and the Mount Desert Island Region before Colonization*, by Julia Clark and George Neptune, Spring 2014 Friends of Acadia Journal  
<https://friendsofacadia.org/news-publications/friends-of-acadia-journal/people-dawnland/>

Abbe Museum Map Interactives

*Changes in the Dawnland*

<http://arcg.is/1W6QM0k>

*Wabanaki Today*

<http://arcg.is/1QGIJ7O>

*Languages and Landscapes*

<http://arcg.is/20DWjwu>.

*Stories of the Dawnland*

<http://arcg.is/1KvKGpo>

*Wabanaki: A New Dawn* film

<https://vimeo.com/6928369>

*THE PENOBSCOT: Ancestral River, Contested Territory* film

<http://www.sunlightmediacollective.org/>

*First Light* short film (about the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission)

<http://upstanderproject.org/firstlight/>

*First Light* Learning Resources

<http://upstanderproject.org/firstlight/all/>

*Beyond the Mandate: Continuing the Conversation*

Report of the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth & Reconciliation Commission

[https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/mainewabanakireach/pages/17/attachments/original/1468974047/TRC-Report-Expanded\\_July2015.pdf?1468974047](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/mainewabanakireach/pages/17/attachments/original/1468974047/TRC-Report-Expanded_July2015.pdf?1468974047)

Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission archives

<http://digitalcommons.bowdoin.edu/maine-wabanaki-trc/>

Dawnland Voices 2.0: An Online Magazine for Contemporary New England Voices

<http://dawnlandvoices.org/>

<http://dawnlandvoices.org/collections/> (primary source material)

-an online literary magazine showcasing established and emerging indigenous talent from New England, and a variety of primary source material in the *Indigenous New England Digital Collections* side of the site (historic letters, political petitions, stories, photographs, etc)

Wolastoqiyik - Portrait of A People

-photographic web exhibit about the lifestyles, landscapes, technologies and spoken histories of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) people of New Brunswick, Canada.

<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/thc/heritage/content/archaeology/Wolastoqiyik.html>

## Other Resources

*Indians & Rusticators: Wabanakis & Summer Visitors on Mount Desert Island 1840s-1920s*  
online exhibit

<http://mdi.mainememory.net/page/3708/display.html>

Hudson Museum, University of Maine

<http://umaine.edu/hudsonmuseum/>

-includes a variety of educational resources

Thoreau Wabanaki Trail website

<http://www.thoreauwabanakitrail.org/>

*HOME: The Story of Maine*, Maine Public Broadcasting

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MPBN/search?query=home>

*Our Lives in Our Hands*, documentary about basketmaking as a means of economic and cultural survival for Aroostook Micmac Indians of northern Maine

<http://www.folkstreams.net/film,94>

*Our Stories: Healing Woods*, part of a 1998 series from MPBN focusing on different communities in Maine, this episode examines life within the Native American community of the Passamaquoddy tribe in downeast Maine.

<https://youtu.be/SKxDGN72ZQE>

Maine Department of Education Wabanaki Studies page

<http://www.maine.gov/doe/wabanaki/index.shtml>

## Historical Primary Sources

Yale Indian Papers Project

<http://yipp.yale.edu/>

-some primary source documents from Maine

A Visit with Henry Mitchell, an oral history interview with Mitchell, a Penobscot canoe maker, 1938-39

<https://www.loc.gov/item/wpalh000610/>

## Thanksgiving Resources

American Indian Perspectives on Thanksgiving, from the National Museum of the American Indian, for teacher grades 4-8

[http://nmai.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/thanksgiving\\_poster.pdf](http://nmai.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/thanksgiving_poster.pdf)

Harvest Ceremony: Beyond the Thanksgiving Myth, a study guide from the National Museum of

the American Indian

[http://nmai.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/NMAI\\_Harvest\\_Study\\_Guide.pdf](http://nmai.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/NMAI_Harvest_Study_Guide.pdf)

Do American Indians Celebrate Thanksgiving?, by Dennis W. Zotigh, Writer and Cultural Specialist, Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dennis-w-zotigh/do-american-indians-celebrate-thanksgiving\\_b\\_2160786.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dennis-w-zotigh/do-american-indians-celebrate-thanksgiving_b_2160786.html)

7 thoughtful ways to be an ally to Native Americans on Thanksgiving (and beyond)

<http://mashable.com/2015/11/26/native-american-thanksgiving/#KxqV8f6v8aqx>

Do Native Americans Celebrate Thanksgiving and Should You?, by Nadra Kareem Nittle

<http://racerelations.about.com/od/historyofracerelations/a/ShouldYouCelebrateThanksgiving.htm>

Plimoth Plantation resources:

<https://www.plimoth.org/learn/MRL/interact/thanksgiving-interactive-you-are-historian>

<https://www.plimoth.org/learn/just-kids/homework-help/thanksgiving>

<https://www.plimoth.org/learn/multimedia-reference-library/read-articles-and-writings/thanksgiving-history>

Wampanoag Celebrations, produced by the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head

[http://www.wampanoagtribe.net/pages/wampanoag\\_education/celebrations](http://www.wampanoagtribe.net/pages/wampanoag_education/celebrations)

Teaching Thanksgiving in a Socially Responsible Way (includes lots of links)

<http://www.tolerance.org/blog/teaching-thanksgiving-socially-responsible-way>

**Resources to challenge the Thanksgiving myth**, shared by Maile Arvin on truthout.org,

<http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/38486-the-future-is-indigenous-decolonizing-thanksgiving>

"Thanksgiving is our favorite holiday", by Taylor Payer

One Word- Episode 27: Thanksgiving (Native Americans), by WatchCut Video

## Indigenous Peoples Day Resources

Reconsider Columbus Day

<http://www.tolerance.org/blog/reconsider-columbus-day>

Indigenous Peoples Day ideas and resources from the Unitarian Universalist Association

<http://www.uua.org/multiculturalism/dod/indigenous-day>

Abolish Columbus Day from the Zinn Education Project

<https://zinnedproject.org/about/abolish-columbus-day-campaign/>

Belfast council renames Columbus holiday Indigenous Peoples Day, Bangor Daily News, Dec. 17, 2015

<https://bangordailynews.com/2015/12/17/news/midcoast/belfast-council-renames-columbus-holiday-indigenous-peoples-day/?ref=relatedBox>

The movement to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day is spreading rapidly, Aysha Khan, ThinkProgress

<https://thinkprogress.org/movement-to-celebrate-indigenous-peoples-day-is-spreading-f5405a9a126c#.9qy6odgdt>

## General Resources on Teaching Native American Content

Rewriting History—for the Better, from Teaching Tolerance

<http://www.tolerance.org/magazine/number-51-fall-2015/feature/rewriting-history-better>  
-article and links on teaching about American Indians

[Standing Rock Syllabus](#), by NYC Stands With Standing Rock

["In Which We Establish That There Was a Genocide Against Native Americans..."](#), by Cutcha Risling Baldy

[Native Appropriations](#), by Adrienne Keene

"Not Murdered, Not Missing: Rebelling Against Colonial Gender Violence", by Leanne Simpson, <https://www.leannesimpson.ca/writings/not-murdered-not-missing-rebelling-against-colonial-gender-violence>

["We Live in the Future, Come Join Us"](#), by Bryan Kamaoli Kuwada.

## Resources for Evaluating Resources

American Indian Library Association resources page

<http://ailanet.org/resources/>

-list of resources that help identify good sources for books by or about Native Americans

American Indians in Children's Literature blog

<https://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/>

Established in 2006, American Indians in Children's Literature (AICL) provides critical perspectives and analysis of indigenous peoples in children's and young adult books, the school curriculum, popular culture, and society. Scroll down for links to book reviews, Native media, and more.

Techniques for Evaluating American Indian Web Sites

<http://www.u.arizona.edu/~ecubbins/webcrit.html>