

Aboriginal Studies - Student Awareness Survey

1. Would you describe yourself as:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian | <input type="checkbox"/> First Nations | For Office Use
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<input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Métis | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian of Aboriginal Ancestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |
2. Where did you complete your elementary education?
- City: _____ Province: _____
3. Where did you complete your secondary education?
- City: _____ Province: _____
4. a) Name the community of Aboriginal Peoples located closest to your elementary school.
- _____ Don't Know
- b) Name the community of Aboriginal Peoples located closest to your secondary school.
- _____ Don't Know
5. What is the main source of your knowledge about Aboriginal people? Please rank the following from 1 to 6, with 1 being the source which provided the MOST information to you:
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|---|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lessons taught in school | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Popular culture including TV, movies, advertisements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers and news magazines | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Own reading | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal contact (friends, family etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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6. a) Did you specifically learn about Aboriginal Peoples in school?

Yes No Don't Know

b) If yes, in what Grade or Grades? _____

c) Write the names of any teachers whom you feel provided a good Aboriginal Studies unit. Please include the name and location of the school where that teacher taught and the year.

7. a) Did you ever attend a school on First Nations Territory or any other school under the direction of an Aboriginal community board?

Yes No Don't Know

b) If you answered "yes", please provide the following details:

Year or years _____ Location: _____

8. Name or briefly describe the significance of any Traditional teachings or stories from any of the Aboriginal Peoples in Canada.

9. a) While in school, did you learn about why Aboriginal Peoples consider the circle significant?

Yes No Don't Remember

b) Briefly describe why the circle is significant for Aboriginal peoples:

10. Approximately how many Aboriginal languages were spoken in Canada at the time of first European contact? _____

11. Approximately how many languages are spoken today by enough people to ensure the survival of the language? _____

12. a) The distinct people who are descendents of fur traders and Cree, Ojibway or Saulteaux women are called the _____.

b) The traditional territory of this nation is an area of present day Manitoba known as the _____.

13. a) Name the newest Territory of Canada _____

b) The majority of people in this territory call themselves _____

14. When is National Aboriginal Peoples Day? _____

15. In what year were all Aboriginal persons across Canada eligible to vote in Federal elections? _____

16. Match a word in the first column to its description in the second column

A) Potlatch 1) a traditional ceremony from the culture of the First Peoples of the entire continent. It cleanses the participants in preparation for important events.

B) Smudging 2) a traditional ceremony from culture of the First Peoples of the prairie. It renews and reconnects the participant with all creation.

C) Pow Wow 3) a traditional ceremony celebrated by the First Peoples of the North-West Pacific Coast that marks important community events

D) Sundance 4) a traditional celebration from the culture of the First Peoples of the entire continent. It coincides with the beginning of an important undertaking.

Don't Know _____ A_____ B_____ C_____ D_____

17. a) The celebration of Aboriginal cultural events was considered a threat to the establishment of the Canadian nation.

True False Don't Know

b) Which ceremonies were outlawed by the Canadian government?

Potlatch Pow Wow Dancing
 Smudging Sundance Don't Know

c) Are they all legal today?

Yes No Some Don't Know

d) Did you learn about laws affecting the cultural practices of Aboriginal peoples in school?

Yes No Don't Remember

18. a) Name the Aboriginal leader hanged in 1885. _____

b) What was he charged with? _____

c) What can you tell us about him?

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

19. a) Provide a brief description of an issue that is currently of concern to Aboriginal Peoples in YOUR region or ACROSS Canada. For example, land rights, treaty issues, community services, or cultural practices.

b) How did you hear about this issue? _____

c) Did you ever discuss this kind of topic in school?

Yes No Don't Remember

d) How would you resolve this issue?

20. Name a national Aboriginal organization. _____

21. Name the leader of a national Aboriginal organization

22. Name at least one contemporary Aboriginal person in each of these four categories:

i) Artist: _____

ii) Musician: _____

iii) Actor: _____

iv) Writer: _____

23. In disputes between Canadian governments and Aboriginal Peoples over who has authority for parcels of land, four different terms are frequently used. Match the term in the first column with the appropriate description in the second column.

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| A) Land Rights | 1) disputes over territory from a Canadian perspective |
| B) Aboriginal Title | 2) disputes over territory from an Aboriginal perspective |
| C) Land Claims | 3) a formal agreement between nations |
| D) Treaty | 4) recognizes traditional Aboriginal governance over territory |

? Don't Know A____ B____ C____ D____

24. Name an Aboriginal leader who supported the British during the War of 1812:_____

25. In Aboriginal communities, “**Elders**” are people who have the following role and responsibilities or do the following things:

i) _____.

ii) _____.

iii) _____.

iv) _____.

26. For more than a century, beginning in the mid-1800's, many Aboriginal children in Canada attended Residential, or boarding, Schools.

a) Generally speaking, these Residential Schools were a positive experience and a contribution to the wellbeing of Aboriginal students and their families.

- True False Don't Know

b) What was the Federal Government's purpose in sending children to these schools? Check all that apply:

- to learn to speak English and/or French
 to speed up the assimilation of Aboriginal Peoples into Canadian Society
 to convert Aboriginal children to Christianity
 to prepare Aboriginal children to work in Canada
 None of the above
 All of the above

c) Describe some of the impacts of the residential schools on Aboriginal people, their families and communities.

27. List four First Nations and the approximate location of their traditional territory. For example: "The **Mi'kmaq** Peoples were traditionally located in what is now known as **New Brunswick and Nova Scotia**".

- i) _____ Peoples were traditionally located in what is now known as _____
ii) _____ Peoples were traditionally located in what is now known as _____
iii) _____ Peoples were traditionally located in what is now known as _____
iv) _____ Peoples were traditionally located in what is now known as _____

28. Under the Canadian Constitution, Provinces and Territories have responsibility for the management of natural resources and the Federal government is responsible for matters relating to Aboriginal Peoples.

a) Do Provincial and Territorial governments make decisions about the natural resources on Aboriginal or First Nation territories?

Yes No Don't Know

b) In practice, does the Federal Government require the governments of Provinces and Territories to consider the well-being of Aboriginal communities when decisions of this sort are made (e.g. issuing of forestry or mining license)?

Yes No Don't Know

c) Why is this important?

29. The population of Aboriginal persons living in Canada is increasing.

True False Don't Know

30. The majority of Aboriginal people are under 25 years old.

True False Don't Know

31. Name the two Provinces or Territories that have the largest number of Aboriginal people?

i) _____

ii) _____

32. Name the five cities in Canada with the largest Aboriginal populations:

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

iv) _____

v) _____

33. List three things you know about "*The Indian Act*":

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

34. a) The most recent Treaty was signed by Canada with which First Nation?

b) Name the Provincial government that also signed this Treaty

35. A valuable report on Aboriginal matters completed in 1996 is called the: _____

36. Who or what is Delgamuukw?

37. What *Treaty Right* does the Supreme Court's Marshall Decision deal with?

38. Do you recall discussing the "Statement of Reconciliation" during any of your High School classes?

Yes; the statement dealt with: _____

No

- 39.** Which of the following legal precedents did the Royal Proclamation of 1763 establish? Check all that apply:
- the establishment of Reserves
 - the responsibility of the British Crown, later the Canadian government, to establish Residential Schools
 - a recognition of the formal nation-to-nation diplomatic relationship between First Nations and the "Crown"/Canada

- 40.** Are Aboriginal Treaty Rights recognized in Canada's Constitution?
- Yes No Don't Know

41.a) Name the First Nation that was completely eradicated from Newfoundland?

- b)** Did you learn about this in school?
- Yes; in what grade? _____
- No

- 42.** Identify three things that Europeans introduced to the Americas with devastating consequences for Aboriginal peoples.
- i)** _____
- ii)** _____
- iii)** _____

43. Identify three things that Europeans introduced to the Americas with beneficial consequences for Aboriginal peoples.

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

44. Circle the number which best describes your view on the following statements:

a) Settling Aboriginal land claims and resource rights is a top priority of the Canadian Government.

1	2	3	4	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	

Comments: _____

b) I had adequate opportunity to learn about Aboriginal history and culture in school.

1	2	3	4	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	

Comments: _____

c) Based on what I learned in school I am able to understand the current issues between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in Canada.

1	2	3	4	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	

Comments: _____

45. Briefly describe the difference between how Aboriginal Peoples and Europeans historically relate to the physical environment:



46. How have Aboriginal cultures, histories and perspectives contributed to shaping and defining Canada?


