



# National Indigenous Peoples Day June 21

This resource was developed to help us understand, learn, connect and celebrate the unique heritage of Indigenous Peoples.

# Discover

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## Four Faces of the Moon

An Indigenous photographer travels through time to witness moments in her family's history: the legacy of the railway, the slaughter of the buffalo, and the impact of colonial land policies. [Watch Amanda Strong's animated short documentary on Youtube.](#) (14 mins)

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## The Secret Path

An [animated film](#) adaptation of Gord Downie's album and Jeff Lemire's graphic novel is a retelling of Chanie Wenjack's heartbreaking story about his residential school escape. [Watch online](#) and learn about how his death set forth the first inquest into the treatment of Indigenous children in Canadian residential schools. (129 mins)

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## Indian Horse

The story follows the life of Canadian First Nations boy, Saul Indian Horse, as he survives residential school, a hockey career and the racism of the 1970s. A [book](#) and [film](#) are available about this captivating story of healing. (106 mins)

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## This River

When the body of a 14-year-old girl was pulled from Winnipeg's Red River in 2014, it started a public outcry and renewed calls for a national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women. [View this film](#) as it follows volunteers searching trying to find answers surrounding the disappearances and murder of their loved ones. (20 min)

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## Jaat Sdiihl'tl'ixa: Woman Who Returns

Heather didn't know she was Haida until she was 16. After visiting Haida Gwaii many times over the next twenty years, Heather realized she wanted to join her clan and receive her Haida name. [Watch the compelling documentary.](#) (14 mins)

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## We Were Children

In this feature film, the profound impact of the Canadian government's residential school system is conveyed through the eyes of two children, Lyna and Glen, who were forced to face hardships beyond their years. [View their emotional story online.](#) (84 mins)

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# Learn

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[Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada](#)

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[10 Influential Indigenous Authors – The Canadian Encyclopedia](#)

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[A Road to Understanding Indigenous Culture](#)

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[First Peoples Research Guide - Leddy Library](#)

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[Residential Schools - Leddy Library](#)

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[The McKee Treaty of 1790](#)

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[Turtle Island](#)

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[Wazhashk Poetry by D.A. Lockhart](#)

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[Teach & Learn - Indigenous Curriculum blog](#)

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[Indigenous Knowledges](#)

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[WAMPUM TALK: We Are All Treaty People](#)

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[The Truth the Wampum Tells - Indigenous Education & Services at George Brown College](#)

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