

**Curriculum Resources for Mohawk Trail High School Teacher Education, to update Native American Studies Content in Western Massachusetts/ Southern Vermont**  
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**General:**

An Indigenous People's History of the United States, the version for adults, and the version for Young People

Whose Land is it Anyway? A Manual for Reconciliation, free download found here:

[https://fpse.ca/sites/default/files/news\\_files/Decolonization%20Handbook.pdf](https://fpse.ca/sites/default/files/news_files/Decolonization%20Handbook.pdf)

- with the Pamela Palmater book club:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdumqEwhkPk>

The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of Native People in North America, by Thomas King

This Place: 150 Years Retold, a graphic edited volume with multiple contributors

Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States and American Indian Nations, edited by Suzanne Shown Harjo

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

Recovering the Sacred: the Power of Naming and Claiming, by Winona LaDuke

Critical Indigenous Studies, edited by Audra Simpson

Indigenizing the Academy, by Devon Mihesuah and Angela Cavender Wilson

Look to the Mountain, by Gregorio Cajete (and anything by him)

The Reconciliation Manifesto: Recovering the Land, Rebuilding the Economy, by Arthur Manuel (and anything by him)

Research is Ceremony, by Shawn Wilson

Research and Reconciliation, edited by Shawn Wilson et al

Indigenous Methodologies, by Margaret Kovach

Reclaiming Indigenous Voice and Vision, by Marie Battiste

Dancing on our Turtle's Back, by Leanne Simpson

As we have always done: Indigenous Freedom Through Radical Resistance, by Leanne Simpson

Elements of Indigenous Style, A guide for writing by and about Indigenous Peoples, by Gregory Younging

Textbooks by Olive Patricia Dickason and James S. Frideres

**New England Regional:**

Dawnland Voices: An Anthology of Indigenous Writing From New England. Edited by Siobhan Senier

Medicine Trail: the Life and Lessons of Gladys Tantaquidgeon, by Melissa Jayne Fawcett

The Mashpee Nine: A Story of Cultural Justice, by Paula Peters

The Western Abenakis of Vermont, 1600-1800 by Colin Calloway

A Son of the Forest, by William Apess

The Common Pot, by Lisa Brooks

Our Beloved Kin, by Lisa Brooks, and all work by Lisa Brooks

All work by Rae Gould

Publications by Larry Spotted Crow Man

Memory Lands, by Christine Delucia

“Vanishing” Indians in 19<sup>th</sup> Century New England: Local Historians’ Erasure of Still-Present Indian Peoples, by Jean O’Brien, found in an edited volume called “New Perspectives on Native North America,” Edited by Sergei Khan and Pauline Turner Strong

Also Jean O’Brien’s book Firsting and Lasting

The Penobscot Dance of Resistance: Tradition in the History of a People, by Pauleena McDougall

Through an Indian’s Looking Glass: A Cultural Biography of William Apess, Pequot, by Drew Lopenzina

Seven Sisters, by Frederick Wiseman

Abenaki Indian Legends, Grammar, and Place Names by Henry Lorne Masta (1932 Odanak)

**Mohawk and Haudenosaunee (Iroquois):**

The White Roots of Peace, by Shawn Wallace

The Words that Come Before All Else: Environmental Philosophies of the Haudenosaunee, by the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force

A Basic Call to Consciousness: The Haudenosaunee Address to the Western World, edited by Akwesasne Notes

Creation and Confederation: the Living History of the Iroquois, by Darren Bonaparte

A Lily Among Thorns: the Mohawk Repatriation of Kateri Tekakwitha, by Darren Bonaparte

In Divided Unity, by Theresa McCarthy

The Clay We are Made of, by Susan Hill

Kayanerenkowa, by Paul Williams

To Become a Human Being, the message of Tadodaho Chief Leon Shenandoah

A Clan Mother's Call: Reconstructing Haudenosaunee Cultural Memory, by Jeanette Rodriguez and Iakoiane Wakerahkats:the

**Creation stories:**

Giants of the Dawnland, Ancient Wabanaki tales, by Alice Mead and Arnold Neptune

Iroquois Creation Story, John Arthur Gibson and J.N.B. Hewitt's Myth of the Earth Grasper, by John Mohawk

Skywoman, Legends of the Iroquois, by Joanne Shenandoah and Douglas M. George and illustrated by John and David Fadden

Legends of the Iroquois by Tehanetorens (Ray Fadden)

The Mishomis Book: the Voice of the Ojibway, by Edward Benton-Benai

How things came to be: Inuit Stories of Creation, by Rachel and Sean Qitsualik-Tinsley

The Trail of Nenaboozho: and Other Creation Stories, by Isaac Murdoch

**Native Science/ Environment/ Ethics/ Health:**

Original Instructions: Indigenous Teachings for a Sustainable Future, edited by Melissa Nelson

Native Science: Natural Laws of Interdependence, by Gregory Cajete

Red Alert: Saving the Planet with Indigenous Knowledge, by Daniel Wildcat

As Long as Grass Grows, the Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice, from Colonization to Standing Rock, by Dina Gilio-Whitaker

We Rise, the Earth Guardians Guide to Building a Movement that Restores the Planet, by Xiuhtezcatl Martinez

The River is in Us: Fighting Toxics in a Mohawk Community, by Elizabeth Hoover

Indigenous Food Sovereignty in the United States: Restoring Cultural Knowledge, Protecting Environments, and Regaining Health, by Devon Mihesuah and Elizabeth Hoover

Eating the Landscape: American Indian Stories of Food, Identity, and Resilience, by Enrique Salmon

Living on the land: Indigenous Women's Understanding of Place, edited by Natalie Kermoal and Isabel Altamirano-Jimenez

Iroquois Corn in a Culture-based curriculum, by Carol Cornelius

Selu: Seeking the Corn Mother's Wisdom, by Marilou Awaioakta

**Influence of Indigenous Governance and Political Thought on Formation of the U.S.**

Forgotten Founders, Benjamin Franklin, the Iroquois, and the Rationale for the American Revolution, by Bruce Johansen

Exemplar of Liberty, Native American and the Evolution of Democracy, edited by Donald Grinde and Bruce Johansen

Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States and American Indians, Suzanne Shown Harjo

Articles published online by Chief Irving Powless and Robert Venables:

<https://www.onondaganation.org/history/history-of-relations-with-our-brothers-1613-to-today/?fbclid=IwAR12lj5v016pczq7fgoVpdTGQVi30rd31sunLX1waTbSDtZP21kkV0xtIF4>

The Canandaigua Treaty, by Pete Jemison [https://ganondagan.org/Learning/Canandaigua-Treaty?fbclid=IwAR2PYNvshnn5lz94ual-G9QH2b287AYOaC\\_7MnY6x4G12BSpIFUGep-Sct0](https://ganondagan.org/Learning/Canandaigua-Treaty?fbclid=IwAR2PYNvshnn5lz94ual-G9QH2b287AYOaC_7MnY6x4G12BSpIFUGep-Sct0)

### **Fiction and poetry:**

Poetry by Ron Wellburn

Wabanaki Blues, Melissa Tantaquidgeon

A Mind Spread on the Ground, Alicia Elliott

Moon of the Crusted Snow, Waubgeshig Rice

Split Tooth, Tanya Tagaq

Mean Spirit, by Linda Hogan

NAPI the Trickster, a Blackfoot Graphic Novel by Jason Eaglespeaker

Kiss of the Fur Queen, by Thompson Highway

Birdie, Tracey Lindberg

There, there, by Tommy Orange

The Marrow Thieves, by Cherie Dimaline

The Secret of the Stars, by Gitz Crazyboy

Books by Richard Wagamese, Thomas King, Louise Erdrich, Leslie Marmon Silko

<https://kaitlincurtice.com/2018/09/06/25-books-by-indigenous-authors-you-should-be-reading/>

<https://www.cbc.ca/books/7-new-books-by-indigenous-authors-you-need-to-add-to-your-reading-list-1.4701141>

### **Some Films:**

Reel Injun: On the Trail of the Hollywood Indian

Good film about representation of Native people in the media (related to mascots, stereotypes, imagery, and symbolism): <http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/films/reel-injun/>

Dawnland, <https://upstanderproject.org/dawnland>

The Mashpee Nine

Dance Me Outside

Rhymes for Young Ghouls

Atanarjuat, the Fast Runner

The Journey of Nishiyuu <http://nishiyuujourney.ca>

National Film Board of Canada: <https://www.nfb.ca/education/educational-playlists/>

Top 10 Indigenous Films of all Time: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/top-10-indigenous-films-of-all-time-1.2807553>

### **Curriculum planning and lessons:**

Kairos Blanket Exercise (with versions for every region, I have a contact who will send one appropriate for ours): <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org>

Example of blanket exercise:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzXdi\\_RDkjc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzXdi_RDkjc)

Smithsonian: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/blogs/national-museum-american-indian/2018/03/08/teaching-native-american-history-better/>

Teaching Tolerance: <https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/fall-2015/rewriting-history-for-the-better>

Maine:

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/learning/content/socialstudies/resources/mainenativestudies/resources>

Project H.O.M.E. <https://www.helpingourmotherearth.com>

Ontario: <https://guides.library.utoronto.ca/aboriginaleducation/lessonplans>

First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Association of Ontario: <http://fnmieao.com/resources/>

Saskatchewan:

[http://iportal.usask.ca/index.php?sid=538872931&t=sub\\_pages&cat=647&rtype\\_limit=6](http://iportal.usask.ca/index.php?sid=538872931&t=sub_pages&cat=647&rtype_limit=6)

Alberta: <https://guides.library.ualberta.ca/first-nations-metis-inuit-contexts-in-education/teacher-resources>

British Columbia: <https://guides.library.ubc.ca/c.php?g=677238&p=4772604>

Free Online Courses:

<https://www.humanrightscareers.com/magazine/3-free-online-courses-on-reconciliation-and-indigenous-education/>

<https://saskpolytech.ca/news/posts/2019/indigenous-mooc.aspx>

Podcast: All my relations <https://www.allmyrelationspodcast.com>

Youtube: Conversations in Cultural Fluency #1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SegYkan5ymI>

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