

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) Resources from SRTA

“Every Child Matters”

The *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*, also known as *Orange Shirt Day*, is being observed on **September 30th**. As we use this day to reflect on Canada’s past and present, may we also be hopeful for a future where truth and reconciliation are front and center.

As teachers, we play a vital role in educating students and helping them take action and move forward down a path towards reconciliation. The honourable Murray Sinclair’s powerful words on education speaks to this. He said...

“Education is what got us into this mess ...but education is the key to reconciliation.”

As educators, we have the responsibility, but also the honour, to be part of truth and reconciliation in Canada.

It is easy to see this as a huge undertaking and duty, one that can seem like a lot to take on. The important thing to remember though, is that with each new activity, lesson or discussion, we are taking those steps, even if they seem small to us at the time. These steps work in the spirit of reconciliation, and they **do** make a positive impact!

As the Indigenous Education Chair of SRTA, I would love to work with you, brainstorm ideas, and offer suggestions for resources you can use in your classroom. Exploring Indigenous perspectives with fellow educators is something I truly value and prioritize, not only right now as we get closer to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, but throughout the school year. If you would like to connect to discuss what truth and reconciliation and Indigenous perspective/education in general could look like in your classroom, please email me at indigenous@srteach.org. In the meantime, if you would like some ideas and resources to get you started, please reference the following pages.

Wishing everyone a wonderful start to the school year!

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Here are some suggestions to get started!

✧ Wear an orange shirt on **Thursday, September 29th**, and encourage your colleagues and students to do the same.



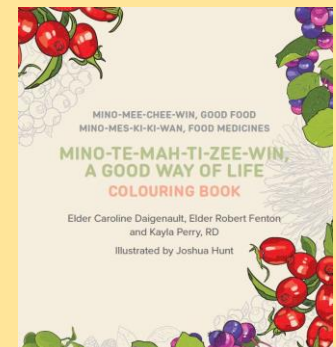
✧ If you are a Grade 5-12 teacher, consider registering for **Truth and Reconciliation Week** (a 5-day Canada-wide virtual event). You can use this link to learn more and register: <https://nctr.ca/education/trw/>



✧ Check out **Orange Shirt Day Lesson Plans** and digital resources available for K-12 by The Manitoba Teachers' Society:
<https://www.mbteach.org/mtscms/2016/09/10/lesson-plans-and-resources-for-orange-shirt-day/>



✧ **Physical Education & Nutrition:** Check out this “how-to” video to bring an Indigenous perspective into your gym!
Video: How to Pow-Wow Dance: For Kids:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eI2gnTZh0-I>
Or request a hard or digital copy of the **MINO-TE-MAH-TI-ZEE-WIN, A GOOD WAY OF LIFE** colouring book (exploring the nutritional benefits of plants and animals found in the Canadian prairies) ← email indigenous@srteach.org



✧ You and your students can learn about the significance of braids and how cutting hair at Residential Schools affected children. Check out the links below.

Video about significance of braids:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_HnMLG_jB4

Colouring pages link:

<https://www.urbaniskwew.com/coloring-pages>



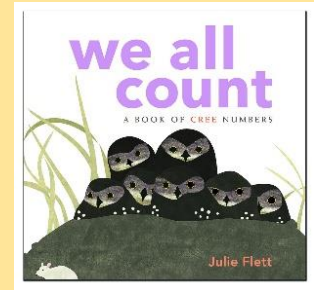
✧ You can colour orange shirts and learn how to say “**Every Child Matters**” in different Indigenous languages by using this link: <https://www.urbaniskwew.com/coloring-pages>



✧ **Mathematics:** Learn how to count to 10 in Cree using this the link for **We All Count:**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_ITapLk_UY

Or you can request a hard copy of **Aboriginal Math Links** (a Middle Years' word problem book). (email: indigenous@srteach.org)



✧ **Ways To Grow Personally As An Educator:** You can enroll in the free course called, **Indigenous Canada**, through The University of Alberta. If you would like more information about this, check out this link <https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions-programs/online-courses/indigenous-canada/index.html> or email jenna.desilets@srsd.ca or indigenous@srteach.org (I am currently finishing up this course myself and would love to discuss it with you!)

(**Note:** A hard copy of course notes are available to borrow through the S.R.T.A Indigenous Education Library)

Or read the memoir, **Black Water** (by David A Robertson) (available to borrow through the S.R.T.A Indigenous Education Library) ← email indigenous@srteach.org

✧ You can read your class books related to Orange Shirt Day (or view them online) **Note:** Most of these books are available (or can be acquired) in hard copies that can be borrowed from the S.R.T.A Indigenous Resources Library (by contacting indigenous@srteach.org). Many of these books have lessons or activities that go along with them.

Book Title	Read-Aloud Link
<u>Stolen Words</u>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJxpyVRc7w
<u>Phyllis's Orange Shirt</u>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PONKwqePZDo
<u>The Orange Shirt Story</u>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBvA1cNo7o8
<u>Fatty Legs</u>	<p>Chapter 1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmiaWMgV-ms&list=PLwbhO7RbCEmDSTOlwmDaxhtrHCPwqdXsS</p> <p>Chapter 2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OD4OmntX6IA&list=PLwbhO7RbCEmDSTOlwmDaxhtrHCPwqdXsS&index=2</p> <p>Chapter 3 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJ2uWsAJxSo&list=PLwbhO7RbCEmDSTOlwmDaxhtrHCPwqdXsS&index=3</p> <p>Chapter 4 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yN5rEtbpHcM&list=PLwbhO7RbCEmDSTOlwmDaxhtrHCPwqdXsS&index=4</p> <p>Chapter 5 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56UY74Vupjk&list=PLwbhO7RbCEmDSTOlwmDaxhtrHCPwqdXsS&index=5</p> <p>Chapter 6 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yrd7ojwAlUA&list=PLwbhO7RbCEmDSTOlwmDaxhtrHCPwqdXsS&index=6</p> <p>Chapter 7 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPa1q2u7ZMw&list=PLwbhO7RbCEmDSTOlwmDaxhtrHCPwqdXsS&index=7</p> <p>After the Story https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DO3z-1Q5Y7c&list=PLwbhO7RbCEmDSTOlwmDaxhtrHCPwqdXsS&index=8</p> <p>The Schools https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUBsRj3FqB4&list=PLwbhO7RbCEmDSTOlwmDaxhtrHCPwqdXsS&index=9</p>
<u>Not My Girl</u>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1x36DPwsCA0
<u>When I Was Eight</u>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSBrkIn3NeI&t=44s
<u>The Secret Path</u>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGYnQx2R4nE Note: this link is just the trailer. Some content of the full video may not be suitable for all audiences. Please view before using
<u>I Am Not a Number</u>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2MP5ioGHAc&t=425s
<u>When We Were Alone</u>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YbCY9bky63k&t=36s
<u>I'm Finding My Talk</u>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qvNEJf-aqE
<u>Shi-shi-etko</u>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sdi6eCrzfIY
<u>Shin-chi's Canoe</u>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTDJdJYIdHM
<p align="center"><u>Other books available through SRTA (hard copies)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Red Wolf</u> • <u>Dear Canada: These Are My Words, The Residential School Diary of Violet Pesheens</u> • <u>Truth and Reconciliation: What is it about? (Student Voice Series)</u> 	