



HOW TO FIND AND USE

Orange Shirt Day Resources

A Resource List for Staff & Students



This list is better used online. Most of the resources are weblinks.

Please see the Library website for the web version.

www.westwoodjuniorlibrary.weebly.com



BOOKS

Fatty Legs by Christy Jordan-Fenton

The moving memoir of an Inuvialuit girl standing up to the bullies of residential school and emerging with her spirit intact.

They Came for the Children by The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

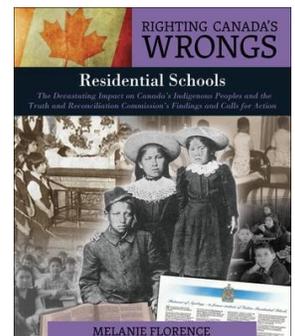
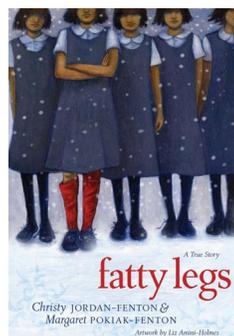
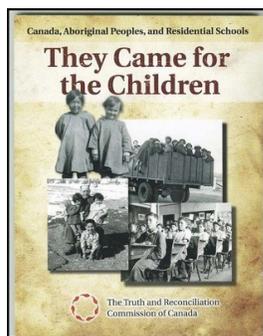
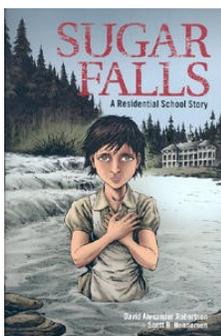
Investigate the reasons behind the Canadian government's initiative to implement the residential school system, and detailed accounts of the experiences lived and witnessed by several former residential school students are provided.

Righting Canada's Wrongs : Residential Schools by Melanie Florence

Through historical photographs, documents, and first-person narratives from First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people who survived residential schools, this book offers an account of the injustice of this period in Canadian history. It documents how this official racism was confronted and finally acknowledged.

Sugar Falls by David A. Robertson

A school assignment to interview a residential school survivor leads Daniel to Betsy, his friend's grandmother, who tells him her story. Based on the true story of Betty Ross, an Elder from Cross Lake First Nation.



BOOKS



I Am Not a Number by Jenny Kay Dupuis

A young First Nations girl is sent away to a residential school and is determined not to forget who she is and where she came from.

On the Side of Angels by Jose Amaujaq Kusugak

In this moving and candid memoir, Jose, one of the first generation of Inuit children taken, tells of his experiences at residential school and the lifelong effects it had on him.

Orange Shirt Day by The Orange Shirt Society

Orange Shirt Day is observed annually on September 30th to honour residential school survivors and their families, and to remember those who did not make it.

A Stranger at Home by Christy Jordan-Fenton

The powerful memoir of an Inuvialuit girl searching for her true self when she returns from residential school.

Secret Path by Gord Downie

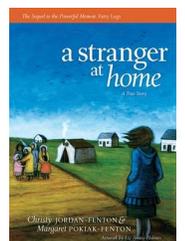
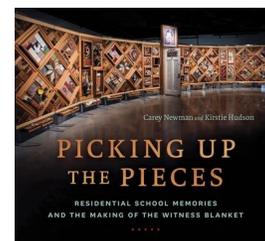
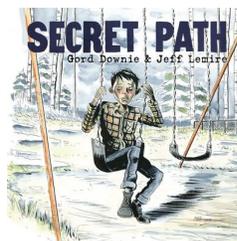
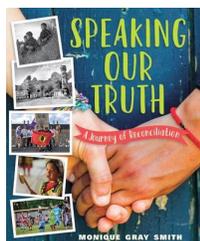
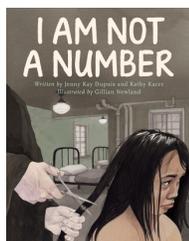
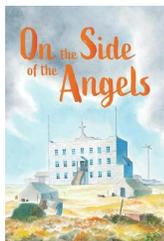
Tells the story of Chanie “Charlie” Wenjack, a twelve-year-old boy who died in flight from the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School fifty years ago.

Picking Up the Pieces: Residential School Memories and the Making of the Witness Blanket by Carey Newman

The story of the making of the Witness Blanket, a living work of art conceived and created by Indigenous artist Carey Newman. It includes hundreds of items collected from residential schools across Canada, everything from bricks, photos and letters to hockey skates, dolls and braids.

Speaking Our Truth by Monique Gray Smith

Learn about the lives of Survivors and listen to allies who are putting the findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission into action.



EBOOKS ON SORA



Truth and Reconciliation in Canadian Schools

by Pamela Rose Toulouse

For teachers that are looking for ways to respectfully infuse residential school history, treaty education, Indigenous contributions, First Nation/Métis/Inuit perspectives and sacred circle teachings into their subjects and courses.

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FREE EBOOKS (limitless copies)

Project of Heart by The B.C. Teacher's Federation

A short e-book in pdf illuminating the hidden history of residential schools, both in B.C. and the rest of Canada.

[Project of Heart: Hidden History](#)

Indigenous People's Atlas of Canada by Canadian Geographic

This section of the Atlas regarding Truth and Reconciliation is free to use. A hard copy of the entire Atlas is also available in the Library.

[Indigenous People's Atlas : Truth and Reconciliation](#)

Every Child Matters: Reconciliation Through Education by Monique Gray Smith

Each chapter teaches children about residential schools, Treaties, and the historic and current relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

[English version: Every Child Matters](#)

[French version: Chaque Enfant Compte](#)

An Overview of the Indian Residential School System by the Union of Ontario Indians

This booklet will provide general information on the purpose, establishment, and history of the Indian residential school system in Canada.

[An Overview of the Indian Residential School System](#)

WEBSITES



[A history of residential schools in Canada](#) by CBC News

FAQs on residential schools, compensation and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

[The Residential School System](#) by Erin Hanson for the University of British Columbia

Article on the history of the Residential School system.

[Indian Residential Schools](#) by Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

Article on the history of the Residential School system.

[Residential Schools in Canada](#) by the Canadian Encyclopedia

Article on the history of the Residential School system.

[Childhood Denied: Indian Residential Schools and Their Legacy](#) by Canadian Museum of Human Rights

Article on recognizing the human rights violations of the Residential School system.

[Residential Schools and Reconciliation](#) by the Royal BC Museum

Learning pathway created by the Royal BC Museum, includes links to videos, maps, articles, and images about the Canadian Residential School system.

[Indian Residential School Survivors Society](#)

The IRSSS is a provincial organization with a twenty-year history of providing services to Indian Residential School Survivors.

[National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#) by University of Manitoba

The permanent home for all statements, documents, and other materials gathered by the TRC.

[Photos of Residential Schools in Manitoba](#) by Library and Archives Canada

View historical photos of residential schools in Manitoba, from Library and Archives Canada.

[Statement of Apology to Former Students of Indian Residential Schools](#)

Official apology from Prime Minister Stephen Harper, 2008.

VIDEOS (online)



[Orange Shirt Day Assembly](#) by LBPSB (2020)

LBPSB social justice students have created a video to remember and honour the children who attended residential schools in Canada.

23 min.

Residential School in Canada : A Timeline by Historica Canada

Learn about the significant dates in its history — from the landing of Jesuits in what is now known as Quebec, to the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's final report in 2015. **4 min.**

[English version: Residential Schools in Canada](#)

[French version: Les Pensionnats Indiens au Canada](#)

[Residential Schools](#) by Historica Canada & The Canadian Encyclopedia

A short history of Residential Schools. **1 min.**

[Namwayut: we are all one](#) by CBC

Chief Robert Joseph shares his experience as a residential school survivor and the importance of truth and reconciliation in Canada. **5 min.**

Chanie Wenjack by Historica Canada

The story of Chanie "Charlie" Wenjack, whose death sparked the first inquest into the treatment of Indigenous children in Canadian residential schools. A 'Heritage Minute'. **1 min.**

[Chanie Wenjack: English version.](#)

[Chanie Wenjack: French version.](#)

[Lillian Elias: A Residential School Survivor's Story](#) by Historica Canada

Lillian Elias first arrived at residential school in 1950 when she was 8 years old. Despite attempts by residential school administrators to strip her of her language and culture, Elias was determined to prevent her Inuvialuktun language from being lost in her community. **2 min.**

VIDEOS (online)



[Residential School Propaganda Video \(1955\)](#)

Broadcast in March 1955 by the CBC in a salute to Education Week. The video needs to be placed at the 5:37 play-point to show the appropriate material. **3 min.**

[Wawahte: Stories of Residential School Survivors](#) by John Sanfilippo

Tells the story of Indian Residential Schools from the perspective of three of its survivors. **49 min.**

[Canadian History and the Indian Residential School System](#) by John Dell

History of Canada and the Indian Residential School system. Timeline providing context and key dates. **22 min.**

[Project of Heart Tiles Animation](#) by Mosha Folger

Brings to life the amazing tiles that were created as a memorial to students of residential schools by students today from across this land. Coproduced by Quebec's LEARN. **4 min.**

