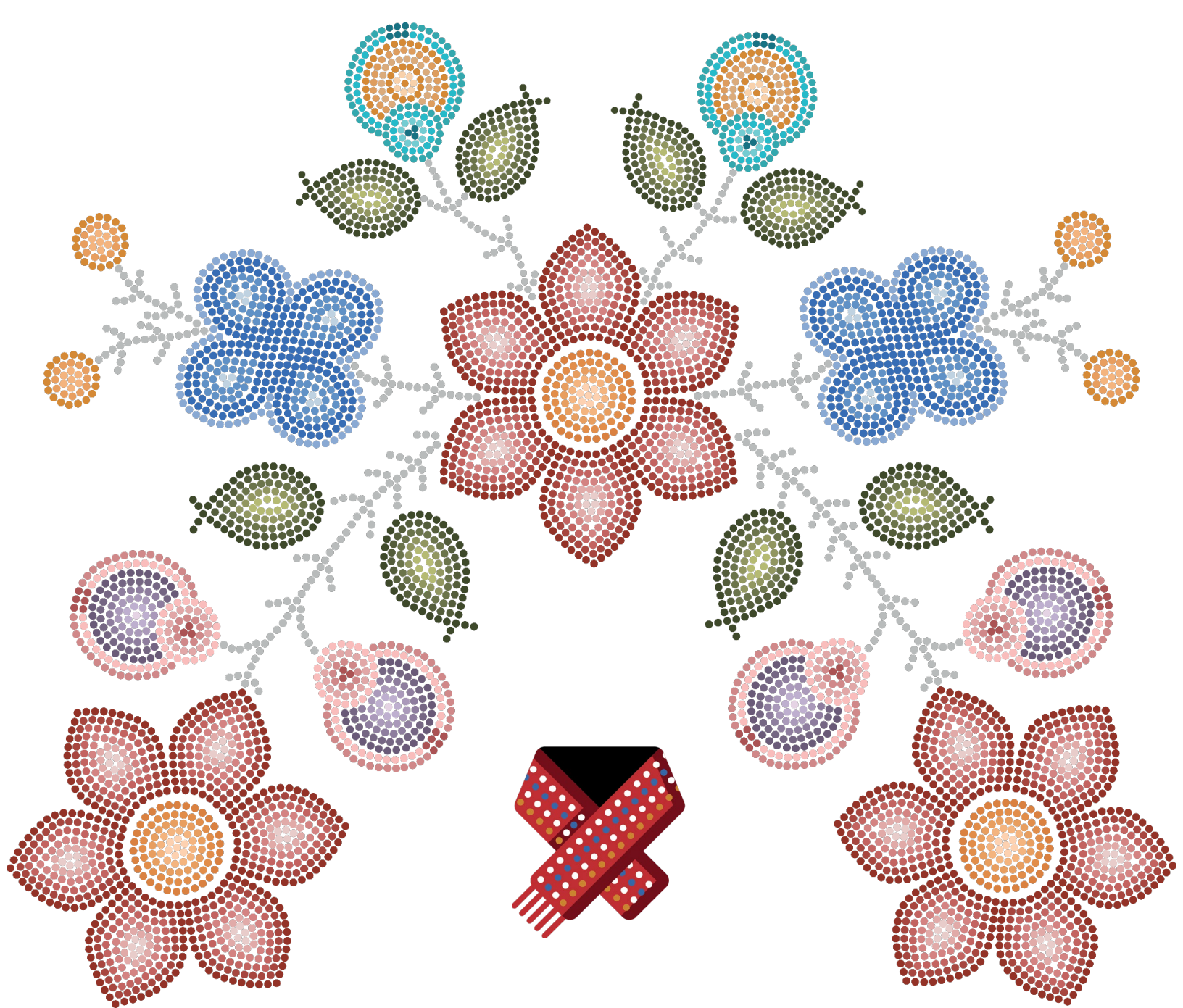




Métis Nation of Ontario

Primary and Secondary Education Kit

Educator Guide

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A Note to Educators:

Welcome to the Métis Nation of Ontario's ***Educator's Kit*** for K-12 educators! Thank you for taking the necessary steps to include Métis educational perspectives and voices in your classroom! We recognize that this may be new learning for many educators. Our goal is to provide a series of resources that support educators and learners as they explore and learn about the Métis Nation and its people, history, culture, and language.

These resources are a simple-to-use tool for teachers and students. Educators can use their content to bring authentic Métis voices into the classroom. The resources allow students and educators to use the Métis experience to connect with a broad array of academic topics. Some are subject-specific, such as the Grade 10 Civics & Citizenship Guide, which examines Métis governance structures. Other contents of the education kit, such as the sash, are key pieces of Métis material culture that can be used in various ways within an educational setting.

Title	Division	Rationale	Available online tools
Michif Workbook	Both	Michif is the language of the Métis people. Like most Indigenous languages, the number of Michif speakers declined due to the colonization process that attempted to stamp out the use of languages other than English and French in Canada. Thankfully, efforts, such as creating this collection of resources, are now underway to preserve the Michif language and introduce it to Métis youth and a new generation of speakers. These language resources will provide opportunities to share Métis culture and language with all Canadians. Key Connections: Language Arts, Cultural Understanding, Linguistic Diversity, Métis Identity, Language Skills and Social Studies.	https://www.metisnation.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/ET-Michif-Workbook-2023.pdf
LGros Pawrti (Le Gros Party)(Trilingual)	Both		https://www.metisnation.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/LGRO-PAWRTI_DEC-19.pdf
Michif Match Card Game	Both		https://www.metisnation.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/G.-Matching-game-cards-and-ENGLISH-instructions.pdf
Way of Life Posters	Both		https://www.metisnation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/MNO-6-Tri-lingual-posters_PROOFS.pdf

Civics Guide (EN)	Secondary	This guide provides resources that support educators and learners as they explore the topic of Métis Governance in the classroom. We encourage educators to use the guide with students through a political inquiry model to deepen their understanding. The guide allows students and educators to use the Métis experience to connect with broader topics such as the importance of civic action, identity, rights and responsibilities, and political inquiry as outlined in the curriculum connections at the end of each section. Key Connections: Métis Government, Community, Decision-making, Métis History, Civic Participation, Local Government, Traditions, Rules and Laws, Cultural Identity, Political Structures, Representation, Community Roles and Governance.	English: https://www.metisnation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/FINAL-November-V2-2024-MNO-Civics-Resource-EN-Printed.pdf Français: https://www.metisnation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/FINAL-V2-November-2024-MNO-Civics-Resource-FR.pdf
Days of Significance	Both	This collection of curated Métis resources is organized by relevance and connection to associated days of significance. Many key days of significance are celebrated and observed in classrooms across Ontario, and a list of Métis resources is related to that date. A wide range of grade levels and options are represented so that educators can find relevant and simple-to-use appropriate resources. Key Connections: Cultural Awareness, Historical Events, Celebrations, Traditions, Learning Resources, Educational Activities, Identity, Social Studies, and Civic Understanding.	https://www.metisnation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Metis-Days-of-Significance-List-1.pdf

<i>Hunting by Stars</i>	Secondary	Cherie Dimaline is an influential Métis writer whose work reflects the lived experiences, cultural richness, and contemporary realities of Métis communities. Her books, notably <i>Hunting by Stars</i> , offer rich material for educational discussions on Métis experiences, societal issues, and cultural diversity.	
Paper Book - Louis Riel	Elementary	This book utilizes multiple artistic mediums to tell the story of Louis Riel and his importance to the Métis people. Louis Riel Day is celebrated on November 16th every year. Key Connections: Métis Leader, Historical Figures, Storytelling, Cultural Heritage, Identity, Community, History, Traditions, Respect, and Illustrations.	
Paper Book - The Powley Family	Elementary	This picture book helps Primary Students learn about Powley's story and its importance to Métis people. It includes trilingual high-frequency vocabulary words and is a natural choice for September 19th, Powley Day, every year. Key Connections: Harvesting, Family roles and responsibilities, seasonal cycles, Indigenous Rights Story, Moose Hunting, Cultural Practices, Respect, Traditions, Community, Identity, Leadership, Justice, Illustrations, Adventure, and Values.	
Science Guide & Videos (En / Fr)	Elementary	Educators can use this guide in parts or as a whole to teach multiple themes outlined in the Grade 4-8 Science and Technology Curriculum. The guide, as well as its accompanying videos, is an	English:

		opportunity for students and educators to use the Métis experience to connect with broader topics such as the importance of engineering, machines, environmental sustainability, and conservation, as outlined in the “Extensions” section at the end of the guide. Key Connections: Ecosystems, Sustainable Practices, Natural Resources, Environmental Impact, Plant Life, Animal Habitats, Traditional Knowledge, Resource Management, Seasonal Changes, Biodiversity, Cultural Practices, Adaptation, Food Chain, Conservation, Ethnology, and Technology.	https://www.metisnation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/MNO-Science-Resource-English-Online.pdf Français: https://www.metisnation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/MNO-Science-Resource-French-Online.pdf
Get Together Activity Book (bilingual)	Elementary	n/a	
Métis Colouring & Story Book	Elementary	n/a	
Sash	Both	One of the most prominent symbols of the Métis Nation is the brightly coloured, woven sash. In the days of the voyageur, the sash was both a colourful and festive item of clothing and a vital tool worn by the hardy tradesmen. Doubling as a rope when needed, the sash served as a key holder, first aid kit, washcloth, towel, and as an emergency bridle and saddle blanket. Its fringed ends could become a sewing kit when the Métis were on the land. The art of sash weaving was brought to the western regions of Canada by Voyageurs who encountered the bright ‘scarves’ through contact with French Canadians.	

		Key Connections: Cultural Heritage, Traditional Craftsmanship, Historical Significance, Identity, Art and Design, Métis History, Symbolism, Community Stories, Métis Traditions, Handcraft Skills, Cultural Pride, Heritage Preservation, and Cultural Diversity.	
<i>The Tiny Voyageur</i> (EN & FR)	Elementary	Rebekah Wilson’s storytelling in <i>The Tiny Voyageur</i> combines historical context with imaginative narrative, making learning about Métis history enjoyable for children. The book’s engaging illustrations and storytelling approach capture the essence of the Métis experience, making it a valuable educational tool. The book provides a unique and engaging portrayal of Métis heritage, featuring elements such as traditional dress, customs, and the iconic voyageur lifestyle. Key Connections: Historical Exploration, Voyageurs, Adventure Stories, Canadian History, Cultural Traditions, Historical Roles Learning Through Stories, Character Development, Map Reading, Teamwork, Heritage, Cultural Immersion, and Storytelling.	

QR Codes for Additional Educator Guides

Civics Guide (English)



Civics Guide (French)



Science Guide/ Videos (English)



Science Guide/ Videos (French)



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