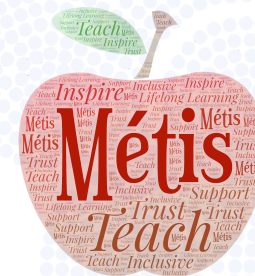


Red Dress Day, the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S) - May 5



Métis Significance

First observed in 2010, Red Dress Day takes place on May 5. Red Dress Day is a day to raise awareness and encourage learning to end violence against Indigenous women, girls, two-spirit, and gender-diverse people. It also honours the thousands of murdered and missing Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse people in Canada. Métis artist Jaime Black's REDress Project installation, in which she hung empty red dresses to represent missing and murdered women, inspired Red Dress Day. As a result of her installation, red dresses have come to represent the crisis.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report's Call to Action 41 urges the Canadian federal government to launch an investigation into the numerous instances of murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls.

Recommended Resources for Elementary Schools


Title	Author	Grade	Where to buy
Their Voices Will Guide Us	National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls	K-8	Online Access
#NotYourPrincess	Various, Annick Press	Grade 8	Good Minds

Recommended Resources for Secondary Schools

Title	Author	Grade/Subject	Where to buy
Keetsahnak: Our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Sisters	Anderson, K., Campbell, M., and Christi Belcourt	9-12	Good Minds
#NotYourPrincess	Various, Annick Press	9-12	Good Minds
Their Voices Will Guide Us	National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls	9-12	Online Access
Those Pink Mountain Nights	Ferguson, J	11-12	Good Minds

Recommended Websites or Videos for Research and Information

	Appropriate For
Who are the Métis? - Metis Nation of Ontario Who are the Metis?	Teacher / Secondary
Métis Nation of Ontario - 24 Hr Crisis Line	Teachers/Students
Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council - Prayer for Our Sisters	Teachers/Students
Government of Canada - Missing and Murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQI+ people	Teachers
The Encyclopedia of Canada - Red Dress Day	Teacher / Secondary

	Appropriate For
Canadian Institutes of Health and Research - May 5	Teacher / Secondary
Ontario Native Women's Association - ONWA - MMIWG	Teachers/Students
Jaime Black - The Red Dress Project	Teacher / Intermediate/Senior
Nechako Lakes School District- Red Dress Day	Teachers/Students
Moosehide Campaign - Moosehide Campaign Day	Teachers/Students
 We are more than murdered and missing. Tamara Bernard TEDx...	Teacher / Secondary

Additional Resources Available:

Elementary

- Red Dress Blanket Stitch Template & Instructions

Secondary

Personal Response to Say Her Name and Somebody's Daughter

- Ted Talk Lesson - She is Not Your Rehab
- Ted Talk Lesson - We Are More Than Murdered and Missing

Additional Dates of Significance to consider for your classroom:

- October 4 - National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- December 6 - The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women