

Louis Riel Day - November 16



Métis Significance

Louis Riel was a Canadian politician. He was also a founder of the province of Manitoba and a political leader of the Métis people in Canada. Louis Riel Day is observed on November 16. This day is the anniversary of Louis Riel's execution in 1885. MNO citizens, MNO Chartered Community Councils and communities hold events across the province to celebrate Métis culture, recognize the many contributions of the Métis to Canada, and highlight the struggles that Métis continue to face. On this day, a special ceremony is held at the Provincial Legislature at Queen's Park in Toronto.

Observed annually on November 16, Louis Riel Day solemnly marks the anniversary of Louis Riel's execution in 1885. This day is of profound historical importance, symbolizing Riel's pivotal leadership during the Northwest Resistance—a bold and courageous stance taken by the Métis community to resist the encroachment of the Canadian government upon their rights and way of life. Beyond the injustice of his execution, it is crucial to recognize Riel's remarkable political achievements and the substantial sacrifices he endured for the Métis people. Read more about Riel and his various contributions to the Métis and Canada

Recommended Resources for Elementary Schools

Title	Author	Grade	Where to buy
The Incredible Adventure of Louis Riel	Klerks, Cat	Grades 7-8	Indigo
Louis Riel Day: the Fur Trade Project	Delaronde, Deborah L.	Grades 1-6	Good Minds
Louis: Son of the Prairies	Palud-Pelletier, Noemie	Grades 3-6	Amazon

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Louis Riel - Freedom Fighter for the Indigenous Peoples of Canada Canadian History for Kids True Canadian Heroes - Indigenous People Of Canada Edition	Beaver Press	Grades 4-8	Indigo
A Real Life Métis Superhero - Louis Riel	Métis Nation of Ontario	K-Grade 3	ELCCsupport@metisnation.org
Mama, Who was Louis Riel?	Indigenous Reflections	Grade 1-4	Indigenous Reflections

Recommended Resources for Secondary Schools

Title	Author	Grade/Subject	Where to buy
Louis Riel: A Comic Strip Biography	Brown, Chester	Gr 9/10 Senior English History FNMI Studies Civics	Goodminds
Louis Riel and Gabriel Dumont	Boyden, Joseph	History FNMI Studies	Indigo
Louis Riel	Asfar, Dan and Tim Chodan	Senior English History FNMI Studies	Amazon
Louis: The Heretic Poems	Scofield, Gregory	Gr 9/10 Senior English FNMI Studies	Indigo

Marie Anne, the Extraordinary Life of Louis Riel's Grandmother	Siggins, Maggie	Gr 9/10 Senior English History	Indigo
Riel: A Life of Revolution	Siggins, Maggie	Geography History	Amazon
The Third Riel Conspiracy	Legault, Stephen	Gr 9/10 Senior English History FNMI Studies	Amazon
This Place: 150 Years Retold- Annie of Red River	Katherena Vermette	Grade 7-12	This Place CBC Podcasts CBC Listen

Recommended Websites or Videos for Louis Riel Research and Information

	Appropriate For
Who are the Métis? - Metis Nation of Ontario Who are the Metis?	Teacher / Secondary
Louis Riel Day - MNO	Teacher / Elementary / Secondary
Canada Commons and OSSTF - Louis Riel and the Métis Resistance (1869-1885): Lesson Plan	Teacher / Secondary
Canadian Geographic - Metis	Teacher/Students
Kids Britannica - Louis Riel Link	Students up to Grade 5
Kids Britannica - Louis Riel	Students up to Grade 8
Britannica - Louis Riel	Teacher / Secondary

	Appropriate For
TVO Learn Lesson Plan - <u>Louis Riel Lesson</u>	Grade 8
Did You Know? – <u>The History of Louis Riel - CPAC</u>	Grades 5-8 / Elementary / Teacher
Canadian Encyclopedia: <u>The Historiography of Métis Land Métis French Version</u>	Grades 7-8 / Secondary / Teacher
<u>Louis Riel Day on Parliament Hill 2022</u>	Teacher/Students

Additional Resources Available

- Louis Riel Information Sheet
- Posters
- PPT Presentations

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