

Treaty Week - 1st week of November



Métis Significance

This week, the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) draws attention to an important but often ignored part of Ontario's treaty history—the 1875 Halfbreed Adhesion to Treaty No. 3. What sets this Adhesion apart from other Canadian treaties is that it is the only case where a Métis community, known as the "Halfbreeds of Rainy Lake and River," formally entered into a treaty. This important step allowed the Métis people of Rainy Lake and River to secure recognition and protection of their lands and rights as a unique Métis community, rather than just as individual members, in the Fort Frances region of Northwestern Ontario.

[\(Adapted from MNO\)](#)

This annual event recognizes the significance of treaties and educates students and residents of Ontario about treaty rights and relationships.

Recommended Resources for Elementary Schools

Title	Author	Grade	Where to buy
Ministry of Education - Treaty Lessons	Ontario	K-8	Elementary Link
The Half Breed Adhesion Treaty 3 This is an educational tool with historical information for all ages to enjoy.	Northwestern Métis Community	3-8	NWOMC

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Recommended Resources for Secondary Schools

Title	Author	Grade/Subject	Where to buy
Advancing Reconciliation with the Northwestern Ontario Métis Community	MNO	Teacher - Secondary	Free Digital Copy
Ministry of Education - Treaty Lessons	Ontario	9-12	Secondary Link
The Half Breed Adhesion Treaty 3 This is an educational tool with historical information for all ages to enjoy.	Northwestern Métis Community	9-12	NWOMC

Recommended Websites or Videos for Treaty Week Research and Information

Title	Appropriate For
Who are the Métis? - Metis Nation of Ontario Who are the Metis?	Teachers / Secondary
Honoring Promises and Métis Resilience in Treaty No. 3 - MNO Link	Teachers/Students
Treaties Recognition Week - Treaties Link	Teachers/ Students
Métis Nation of Ontario - Understanding the Half-Breed Adhesion	Teacher / Secondary
Government of Canada Treaty 3 Text	Teacher / Secondary
Métis Nation of Ontario - Rainy River/Lake of the Woods/Treaty 3 Historic Métis Community	Teachers/Students
Treaty 3	Teachers/Students

 The Halfbreed Adhesion to Treaty No. 3	Teachers/Students
 Sault Ste Marie Métis: Broken Land Promises from 170 Years Ago	Teachers/Students
 Sault Ste Marie Métis ring bells 170 times as reminder of broken l...	Teachers/Students

Additional Resources Available

- THE DISPOSSESSION OF MÉTIS LAND IN SAULT STE. MARIE (Grade 6-8 Lesson Plan)