Subject/Topic: First Nations, Métis, Inuit (Secondary)

Print Resources:

The big thaw: travels in the melting north (Book)
Call # 363.738 STR – Teacher

Streaming Video Resources:

Best of news in review. Native studies (SV)
Call #SV754430 – Senior
CANADA'S RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL APOLOGY: In June, the Government of Canada apologized to Aboriginal Canadians for the way they were treated in residential schools - FAST FORWARD: Nunavut, Canada's newest territory, is celebrating its sixth birthday. It's an exciting time for the estimated 30,000 residents of the territory. But it's a difficult time too -- NUNAVUT: "From sea unto sea unto sea" takes on even more significance as 25,000 people, mainly indigenous, celebrate the birth of their new territory and a new government within the Canadian confederation -- SURVIVAL OF THE INUKTITUT LANGUAGE: Through the forces of modernization, the Inuit in Northern Canada are losing their language -- DAVIS INLET: In January 1993, six children in the aboriginal Innu community of Davis Inlet attempted multiple suicide by inhaling gasoline fumes. -- LOUIS RIEL: As Canada expanded westward, the Métis saw their lands and their rights encroached upon. Riel emerged as a major player in Confederation and a significant figure representing western alienation, native rights, and the complexities of French-English relations. -- DONALD MARSHALL: The Donald Marshall case is as straightforward as it is tragic. Marshall is a Mi'kmag man who spent 11 years in prison for a crime he did not commit. -- OKA: Canada's summer peace was exploded in Oka (Kanesatake) and Chateaugay (Kahnawake) as armed Mohawk Warriors confronted first the Quebec provincial police and then the Canadian Armed Forces.

The drum story: an Anishinaabe Ojibwe story (SV)
Call # SV788895 – Junior/Intermediate/Senior
"The Drum Story" records the traditional legends, stories and teachings of Canadian Indigenous Peoples and brings them to life. These stories have been passed from generation to generation by way of long-standing oral tradition. "The Drum Story" is an ancient story of a young girl given the gift of a drum and how she used that gift to help her people find peace. These historically significant stories, legends and teachings are now being preserved and provide a permanent opportunity for all Canadians to hear the storyteller tell the story in the time-honoured, oral tradition. The reader and viewer experience the sounds and sights of the culture, language, music and geography of each Indigenous group.

Elijah (SV)
Call #SV757165 – Intermediate/Senior
The Meech Lake Accord: a political crisis that left the country teetering on the edge. It's a subject that might put some high school students to sleep, but not in Elijah, the spirited tale of a reluctant hero who went on to change the course of Canadian history - with a feather. The timely, CTV Original Movie takes a smart and lighthearted look at an
important historical moment, digging underneath the constitutional crisis of the time to reveal a true homegrown David and Goliath story.

**Louis Riel. Part 1 (SV)**

Call # SV712758 - Senior

Known as the Father of Manitoba, Louis Riel was at the centre of the Métis rebellion that led to the establishment of Manitoba as Canada's fifth province. Archival photographs are used throughout this video to tell the story of this charismatic individual, from his birth in 1844 in St. Boniface and his schooling in Montreal, to his election as a Member of Parliament and his exile from Canada. This program relates the story of events at the Red River Settlement, including the establishment of the Provisional Government of 1869, the capture of Fort Garry by Riel's Métis soldiers, the role of Prime Minister John A. Macdonald, and the execution of Thomas Scott.

**Louis Riel. Part 2 (SV)**

Call # SV712771 - Senior

This final episode in the two-part series on the life of Louis Riel begins with his exile in the U.S. and details his descent into madness, his recovery in the asylums of Quebec, his marriage, and the contentment he found as a teacher in Montana. In the summer of 1884 he traveled to the South Saskatchewan valley, where Métis settlers were locked in a struggle for their rights with the federal government. When Riel's efforts to negotiate for his people failed, he spearheaded the Northwest Rebellion. This program follows the progression of the rebellion, including the Battle of Duck Lake, the Battle of Fish Creek, and the Battle of Batoche. It concludes with Riel's arrest, trial and hanging.

**Reel injun: on the trail of the Hollywood Indian**

Call #SV763192 - Senior

Cree filmmaker Deil Diamond takes an entertaining and insightful look at the Hollywood Indian, exploring the portrayal of North American Natives through a century of cinema. With clips from hundreds of classic and recent films, Reel Injun traces the evolution of cinema's depiction of Native people from the silent era to today.

**Circulating Video Resources:**

**Indecently exposed** (DVD)

Call # 200732 – Senior

A reality-based documentary that challenges attitudes towards Native Canadians by anti-racism expert, Jane Elliott.

**People of the Pacific** (DVD)

Call #201180 – Intermediate/Senior

Explores the world of perhaps the richest of Aboriginal cultures in Canada, including dwellings, food, canoes, clothing, tools, potlatch ceremony, spirits and shamans, totem poles, society, warfare, the arrival of Europeans, the destruction of much of their way of life and people, and the revival of their culture and traditions.

**Smudge** (DVD)

Call #614735 – Senior

Christians have cathedrals; Muslims, their mosques. For Native Canadians used to praying in natural settings, all the world is a sacred space. But the props of Aboriginal spirituality - drums, chants and smouldering sweet grass - can draw unwanted attention in the city. Smudge witnesses how a small group of aboriginal women celebrate their rights to worship in the city - their way.
The trial of Poundmaker (VHS)
Call # 710614 – Intermediate/Senior
For two days in August of 1885, Plains Cree leader Poundmaker sat shackled in a Regina, Saskatchewan, courtroom. He was accused of participating in a rebellion against the Queen's Canadian government. Administrators in the Indian Department, including Sir John A. Macdonald (Canada's first prime minister), saw the Cree leader as an agitator and assumed that the Cree were in complete collusion with the Louis Riel rebellion. In this episode of CHIEFS, the role of Poundmaker is played by one of his direct descendants, Tyrone Tootoosis.

We don't live in igloos: Inuvik youth speak out (DVD)
Call #635026 – Intermediate/Senior
While the media too often focuses on Inuit youth struggling with solvent abuse and suicide, We Don't Live in Igloos goes beyond the stereotypes to ask Inuit teens in Canada's Northern communities what their real experience is.

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Suggested Websites:
Aboriginal Canada Portal
http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/site.nsf/eng/ao04576.html
Assembly of First Nations
http://www.afn.ca/
CBC News in-depth: aboriginal Canadians
Chiefs of Ontario
http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/
Interactive Map of Canadian Aboriginal Groups
http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/customcode/Media.cfm?Params=A3native-people.swf
Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs
http://www.aboriginalaffairs.gov.on.ca//Default.asp
Six Nations of the Grand River
http://www.sixnations.ca/