



***Indigenous Peoples, Global Issues,
and Sustainability***



Essential Questions

- How do Indigenous Peoples see and relate to the world?
- What were the policies and practices developed during the age of colonization that began the breakdown of Indigenous cultures?
- How have the policies and practices of governments in Canada suppressed First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures?
- What are the concerns facing First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people in Canada today? Why should these concerns matter to all Canadians?
- Who are the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit of Canada?
- What are the roles of Indigenous Peoples in shaping contemporary Canada?
- How would you describe the relationship that existed among Indigenous nations and between Indigenous nations and the European newcomers in the era of the fur trade and the pre-Confederation treaties?
- What is the meaning and significance of the statement: “We are all treaty people”?
- What impact did the *Indian Act* have on the autonomy of status Indians?
- How have First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples attempted to regain their status as self-determining nations through land claims, recognition of treaty and Aboriginal rights, and the pursuit of self-government?
- How did colonization challenge traditional health practices for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples? How can the original intent of Indigenous health practices—to produce healthy individuals and communities—be restored?
- What is the connection between colonialism and the legal concerns facing First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples?
- How has colonialism affected the economies of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples?
- Why is the preservation of Indigenous cultures vital for both Indigenous and other citizens of contemporary Canada?
- How do First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures combine tradition and adaptation to meet the challenges of today and to ensure a better tomorrow?
- What is Indigenous Knowledge (IK) and traditional ecological knowledge (TEK)?
- What are some cultural and historical elements that are shared by all Indigenous Peoples of the world?
- How can Western and Indigenous Knowledge (IK) be combined to address concerns of resource management and sustainability?



- What can Indigenous worldviews and values teach us about how to become more responsible stewards of our planet?
- What are the some of the current concerns that continue to interfere with the quality of life of Indigenous people across the globe?
- What are some ways to achieve reconciliation between First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples and non-Indigenous Canadians?