Residential Schools:

A Bibliography of Resources

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The legacy of school for Aboriginal people: education, oppression, and emancipation
Schissel, Bernard. Wotherspoon, Terry.

First Nations, the circle unbroken: videos 1-4
National Film Board of Canada. Face to Face Media.
Contents: 4 videocassettes, 1 media kit, 1 teacher's guide, and 1 implementation guide.
Notes: Ages 9 to adult. Thirteen 20 minute programs about current issues, cultural identity and relations between First Nations and Canada. Includes the program: Education, as we see it. The alienation experienced by many students in residential schools is compared with life in contemporary schools run by First Nations communities.

Breaking the silence: an interpretive study of residential school impact and healing as illustrated by the stories of First Nations individuals.
Notes: Native Studies 10.

From truth to reconciliation: transforming the legacy of residential schools
Castellano, Marlene Brant. Archibald, Linda. DeGagné, Mike.

Métis history and experience and residential schools in Canada
Chartrand, Larry N. Logan, Tricia E. Daniels, Judy D.

The circle game: shadows and substance in the Indian residential school experience in Canada
Subjects: Native peoples - Canada - Residential schools.
Notes: Was the Residential School era a misguided feature of Canada's generous humanitarian inclinations toward Aboriginal peoples? Were the notoriously brutal acts of the operators of these schools the sporadic and isolated deeds of a few malign individuals? The authors of The Circle Game shout a resounding "NO!" to these and related questions, arguing that existing accounts in various Canadian and Aboriginal media systematically obscure and misinform about the facts and their interpretation.

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Summary: For five consecutive generations, from roughly 1880-1980, Native American children in the United States and Canada were forcibly taken from their families and relocated to residential schools. The stated goal of this government program was to "kill the Indian to save the man." Half of the children did not survive the experience, and those who did were left permanently scarred. The resulting alcoholism, suicide, and the transmission of trauma to their own children has led to a social disintegration with results that can only be described as genocidal.

371.82997 D325
From our mothers' arms: the intergenerational impact of residential schools in Saskatchewan / Deiter, Constance.

371.82997 S889
Aboriginal people, resilience and the residential school legacy / Stout, Madeleine Dion. Kipling, Gregory D.

371.82997 W567
Where the spirit lives.
Contents: 1 videocassette.
Notes: Starring Michelle St. John, Anne-Marie McDonald, Heather Hess.
Summary: A depiction of the attempt, in 1937, by a residential school to transform two young native children into "English Canadians". Taken from their family and community, their names, language, and Indian ways are slowly forged into the "white" mold. Held under the pretext that their parents have died, the children see no chance to regain their true background. A chronicle of the failure and harm done by the residential school system.

371.8299915 R113
Contents: 1 videodisc.
Notes: Originally produced as a motion picture in 2002. Based on the book by Doris Pilkington Garimara.
Summary: Based on true events that tells the story of three half-caste children in 1931 who are sent to an institution, where they were taught to forget their families and culture, and re-invent themselves as members of "white" Australian society. The three girls escaped and began an epic journey back to Western Australia, travelling 1,500 miles on foot with no food or water, and navigated following the fence that had been built across the nation to stem an over-population of rabbits.

371.95 S492
Serving gifted learners beyond the traditional classroom : a guide to alternative programs and services / VanTassel-Baska, Joyce L. 
Summary: Provides a concise and thorough introduction to the various types of out-of-school programming recommended and appropriate for gifted and advanced learners. Including overviews of mentoring programs, residential schools, summer opportunities, and distance learning, top scholars in the field of gifted education combine research and experience in this guide to alternative services for teachers, parents, and gifted education program directors.

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Contents: 1 videocassette and folder with print material.
Notes: The documentary follows the successful work of Lorna Williams, who set out to help aboriginal children in Canada who are dropping out of school, losing hope, and committing suicide. Her search led her to Reuven Feuerstein, an Israeli psychologist, who has developed a method known as "mediated learning" to teach children thought to be permanently wounded. Includes historical footage of residential boarding schools.
Indian school days / Johnston, Basil.

Journey to healing / Campbell, Maria. Jaine, Linda.
Contents: 1 videocassette.
Notes: The Indigenous Peoples Program hosted a national conference "Residential schools: journey toward recovery and wellness" in Sept., 1991. Many of the keynote speakers were recorded. In addition further resource materials were obtained so that this video would be useful for workshops and for teachers to promote further dialogue and learning in this area.

St. Michael's School at Duck Lake : trials and progress of an Indian school over half a century (1894-1944) / Le Chevallier, Jules Jean Marie Joseph.
Edmonton, AB : La Survivance, 1944.

Contents: 1 videocassette.
Notes: Contents: Edmonton elders Ann Anderson, Eva Cardinal and Olive Dickason are featured. Documentary footage, dramatic re-enactments and archival film interweave the three women's stories, and Anderson and Cardinal recount their own experiences at residential schools; memories which have fueled their determination to preserve their native languages and identities.

Shingwauk's vision : a history of native residential schools / Miller, J.R.
Toronto, ON : University of Toronto Press, 1996.


Contents: 1 book, 1 CD-ROM, and 10 transparencies.

Notes: Transparencies in the binder and on the CD-ROM depict First Nations and Métis art. The CD-ROM also contains the complete text and contents of the binder with web links to pertinent sites.

Summary: These units are designed to help students learn about the culture and history of the First Nations and Métis peoples of Saskatchewan.

Contents: Practicing respect (gr. 6-8) / Angela Antosh -- First Nations and Métis art (gr. 5-8) / Angie Caron -- Traditional foods (K-8) / Cornelia John ... [et al.] -- Culture unit: grade eight / Jennifer Hingley -- Residential schools: understanding the legacy (gr. 8) / Dawn Harkness and Jennifer Hingley -- Treaties in the classroom: grade six / Barbara Wright -- School in the bush: an outdoor education experience (gr. 4-8) / Debbie Mason -- Who was Almightyvoice? (gr. 6-8) / Barb Cheechoo.


Subjects: Indians of North America - Canada - Residential schools - Poetry. Indians of North America - Canada - Residential schools - Fiction. Canadian poetry (English) - Indian authors. Canadian fiction (English) - Indian authors. Short stories, Canadian (English).


Contents: 1 videocassette and 1 resource guide.

Notes: Gr. 7+.
Summary: A youth-driven, video-based program which focuses on the visions and views of three emerging First Nations artists and explores the role the video is playing in helping Native youth tell their stories, recover their culture and develop their voices. The resource guide is designed to provoke open discussion and to help contribute to positive social change.

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Subjects: Loyie, Larry - Childhood and youth. Cree Indians - Biography. Authors, Canadian (English) - Biography.
Notes: Aboriginal Resource List. English language arts elementary (gr. 3). Social Studies elementary.
Summary: Set in 1944, the book recreates the summer Lawrence Loyie was ten years old, the last summer he spent with his Cree family before a Canadian government program forced him to attend residential school.

Information File

Indians of North America - Education
Residential Schools

Websites

Aboriginal Healing Foundation
http://www.ahf.ca

Truth and Reconciliation: Stolen Children(CBC)

Where are the Children? Healing the Legacy of Residential Schools

Truth and Reconciliation Commission official website
Website of the commission with news, schedules and other related resources
http://www.trc-cvr.ca/indexen.html
Indian Residential Schools Resolution
Government of Canada

Indian Residential Schools Resolution: Report on plans and priorities
Treasury Board of Canada

Indian residential schools settlement
Official court website
http://www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca/

Remembering the children : A partnership of aboriginal and church leaders
A history of residential schools
http://www.rememberingthechildren.ca/history/index.htm

Indian Residential Schools Unit, Assembly of First Nations
Assembly of First Nations, map and photos of residential schools
http://www.afn.ca/residentialschools/history.html

Residential schools resources and counselling
Assembly of First Nations: Residential schools counselling and resources for former students
http://www.afn.ca/residentialschools/resources.html