

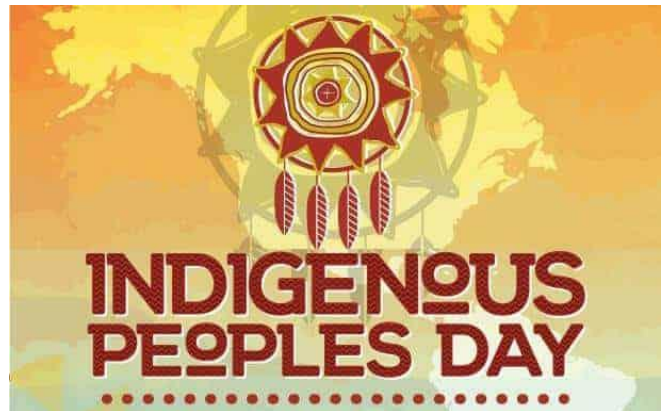


Native American Heritage Month takes place during the month of November. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate, explore, and learn about Native American people and their culture. Here you will find some helpful resources to get you started!

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Even before Native American Heritage Month, your class can celebrate and recognize **Indigenous Peoples' Day**! This takes place on **Monday, October 11, 2021** and is a great opportunity to recognize that Native Americans occupied North America long before Christopher Columbus discovered America. Use some of these resources to celebrate and learn about Indigenous Peoples' Day:

- Learn a Song:
  - [Indigenous Peoples' Day Song For Kids](#) (ASL Sign Language Lesson Included)
- Watch a Video:
  - [Indigenous Peoples' Day | All About the Holidays](#)
- Discover who originally inhabited the land you live on now:
  - [Native Land Map](#)
- Learn more about why Indigenous Peoples' Day is important and how you can share this with your students:
  - [Indigenous Peoples' Day: True History, Real Learning for Kids](#)



It is important to share with your students that Native American culture and traditions are vibrant today! There are many Native American composers, artists, authors, singers, and musicians that are creating beautiful material. Celebrate Native American Heritage Month throughout November and beyond with these resources and activity ideas:

- Explore [Native American Composers!](#)
  - Have your students learn more about some of the composers that were mentioned in this article. They can research each composer to learn biographical information and discover more about this individual as a composer. They can even find a piece by this composer and share with their classmates!
    - Joy Harjo (Is also a poet)
    - Raven Chacon
    - David Yeagley
    - Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate
    - Brent Michael Davids
    - Jim Pepper
    - Dr. Louis W. Ballard
    - R. Carlos Nakai
  
- Learn about local Wisconsin musician, [Wade Fernandez](#).
  - Learn about what inspires Wade as a performer and listen to some of his songs.
  - Download the Educator Engagement Guide on his website to explore more.
  
- Have fun listening to songs by [Native American Singers/Musicians/Bands](#)
  - Research some of these musicians to learn more about what influences them as an artist.
    - Pamyua
    - Nadjiwan
    - Lila Downs
    - Arigon Starr (Also writes the comic book, *Super Indian*)
    - Prolific The Rapper
    - Sihasin
    - Keith Secola
    - Cary Morin
    - Nahko
    - Debora Iyall (Is also a visual artist)
    - Ronnie Spector
  
- Lesson Plans and Books
  - Read a few books from the [Native American Children's Literature Recommended Reading List](#)
  - Or check out one of these [books by Indigenous Writers](#).
  - The Library of Congress, National Archives, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, and Smithsonian Institution teamed up to create a "one-stop-shop" for many lesson plans celebrating [Native American Heritage Month](#).
  - Read the [Super Indian Comic Book Series!](#)
  
- Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day In Music Class
  - The National Association for Music Education put together two lesson plans to explore Native American traditional music.
    - Grades 3–5: [Moccasin Madness! Navajo and Apache Moccasin Game Songs](#)
    - Grades 5–8: [Trail of Tears: Music of the American Indian Diaspora](#)
  
- Explore Local Native American Ties

- [Native American Roots](#) – How does Milwaukee celebrate Native American Heritage Month?
- Learn about [Native American Communities](#) in Wisconsin
- Discover the [Hunting Moon Pow Wow](#) that takes place in Milwaukee each year (cancelled this year due to Covid-19). This site provides information and videos of past Hunting Moon Pow Wow celebrations.