



Maine-Wabanaki REACH

Land Acknowledgements

Resources for Learning and Teaching

<http://landacknowledgements.org/>

“The Guide to Indigenous Land and Territorial Acknowledgements for Cultural Institutions is a comprehensive guide for institutions such as museums, archives, libraries, and universities to recognize and respect Indigenous homelands, inherent sovereignty, and survivance.”

<https://usdac.us/nativeland/>

“Honor Native Land: A Guide and Call to Acknowledgement is a call on all individuals and organizations to open public events and gatherings with acknowledgment of the traditional Native inhabitants of the land”

<https://native-land.ca/resources/territory-acknowledgement/>

“Please note: this is NOT a perfect resource! It is very likely that if you do not do any further research or verify our results, you will err in your acknowledgements. We recommend contacting the nations you get in your results directly, to learn more about how they want to be acknowledged and any other nations or peoples in the area.”

<http://www.lspirg.org/knowtheland>

“It is important to understand the long standing history that has brought you to reside on the land, and to seek to understand your place within that history. Land acknowledgements do not exist in a past tense, or historical context: colonialism is a current ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness of our present participation. It is also worth noting that acknowledging the land is Indigenous protocol.”

<https://nativegov.org/a-guide-to-indigenous-land-acknowledgment/>

A Guide to Indigenous Land Acknowledgment. The Native Governance Center is a Native American-led nonprofit organization located in St. Paul, Minnesota. Our mission is to assist Tribal nations in strengthening their governance systems and capacity to exercise sovereignty through leadership development and Tribal governance support.

<https://apihtawikosisan.com/2016/09/beyond-territorial-acknowledgments/>

“If we think of territorial acknowledgments as sites of potential disruption, they can be transformative acts that to some extent undo Indigenous erasure. I believe this is true as long as these

acknowledgments discomfit both those speaking and hearing the words. The fact of Indigenous presence should force non-Indigenous peoples to confront their own place on these lands.”

<https://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/2019/03/are-you-planning-to-do-land.html>

American Indians in Children’s Literature - Are you planning to do a Land Acknowledgement?
Established in 2006 by Dr. Debbie Reese of Nambé Pueblo, American Indians in Children's Literature (AICL) provides critical analysis of Indigenous peoples in children's and young adult books. Dr. Jean Mendoza joined AICL as a co-editor in 2016.

<https://www.duwamishtribe.org/land-acknowledgement>

“It is important to note that this kind of acknowledgement is not a new practice developed by colonial institutions. Land acknowledgement is a traditional custom dating back centuries for many Native communities and nations. For non-Indigenous communities, land acknowledgement is a powerful way of showing respect and honoring the Indigenous Peoples of the land on which we work and live. Acknowledgement is a simple way of resisting the erasure of Indigenous histories and working towards honoring and inviting the truth.”

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/unreserved/redrawing-the-lines-1.4973363/i-regret-it-hayden-king-on-writing-ryerson-university-s-territorial-acknowledgement-1.4973371>

Hayden King helped write Ryerson University's territorial acknowledgement in 2012, but now he regrets it. King, an Anishinaabe writer and educator who works at Ryerson University, spoke to *Unreserved* host Rosanna Deerchild about territorial acknowledgements, what they mean in today's political climate and how they can be improved. Here's part of that conversation.

<https://www.teenvogue.com/story/indigenous-land-acknowledgement-explained>

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement, Explained - "There have always been indigenous peoples in the spaces we call home, and there always will be."

<https://csunshinetoday.csun.edu/arts-and-culture/were-still-here-land-acknowledgement-strengthens-bond-between-csun-and-fernandeno-tataviam-band/>

‘We’re Still Here’: Land Acknowledgement Strengthens Bond Between California State University Northridge and Fernandeno Tataviam Band