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Reframe: Prisms of Indigeneity - select resources

TERMINOLOGIES

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Indigenous Peoples are inheritors and practitioners of unique cultures and ways of relating to people and the environment. They have retained social, cultural, economic and political characteristics that are distinct from those of the dominant societies in which they live. Despite their cultural differences, Indigenous Peoples from around the world share common problems related to the protection of their rights as distinct peoples.

Among the indigenous peoples are those of the Americas (for example, the Lakota in the USA, the Mayas in Guatemala or the Aymaras in Bolivia), the Inuit and Aleutians of the circumpolar region, the Saami of northern Europe, the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders of Australia and the Maori of New Zealand. These and most other Indigenous Peoples have retained distinct characteristics which are clearly different from those of other segments of the national populations.

In the 1970's the American Indian Movement and the Canadian Indian Brotherhood popularized the word "Indigenous," using it as a political term to build power for the First Peoples of a given territory. It is connected to sovereignty and nationhood. It is more than an ethnic identifier.

Although there are Indigenous people globally, the term is used to empower and center the First Peoples of a given city, region, state, etc. within this continent.

AMERICAN INDIAN: A legally binding term imposed on Tribal communities within the boundaries of what we temporarily call the United States to refer to federally recognized Tribal Nations.

NATIVE AMERICAN: A politically correct term for American Indians carrying the same definition.

FIRST NATIONS: Similarly, the Canadian Constitution recognizes 3 groups of Aboriginal peoples: First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

NATIVE: A radicalized approach to self-identifying oneself dropping the words “American” and “Indian,” while also using the term to include disenrolled, non-federally recognized and state-recognized Tribal communities.

FIRST PEOPLES: The original caretakers of any given area.

ALASKA NATIVE: A term used to represent the Indigenous Peoples of the land that is referred to as Alaska.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN "Kanaka Maoli": A term used to represent the Indigenous Peoples of the land that is referred to as Hawai'i.

INDIGENOUS LOS ANGELES

When we talk about “Indigenous LA,” we are considering, at the very least, four distinct groupings of people:

- The Indigenous peoples of the LA Basin area (Gabrielino/Tongva, Gabrielino/Kizh, Fernandeano/Tataviam, Chumash, etc.)
- Mission Impacted Tribal Communities (Both California Coasts including Baja, West Coast of Mexico from Sonora to Jalisco)
- Relocated and Displaced US Indian peoples (Mvskoke, Navajo, Lakota, etc.)
- Diasporic Indigenous Peoples (Chicanos, Tainos, Hmong, Zapotec, etc.)

RESOURCES

Watch: **History of Native California (13 min)**

by Humboldt State University, Place-Based Learning Communities

<https://bit.ly/3VOxl1i>

Listen: **All My Relations Podcast** // www.allmyrelationspodcast.com

Episodes

Beyond Blood Quantum

<http://bit.ly/3VOWoB8>

The Border Crossed Us

<http://bit.ly/3Uy0uwy>

Can a DNA test make me Native American?

<http://bit.ly/3gXRd32>

What Makes Someone Native American? *Story by Lisa Rab Photos by Travis Dove*

<https://wapo.st/3F27lsB>

Our Sacred Waters: Theorizing Kuuyam as a Decolonial Possibility *by Charles Sepulveda*

<http://bit.ly/3VrqsDp>

Watch: **City of Ghosts, Episode 4, Tovaangar (19 Min)**

<http://bit.ly/3Uoa1WR>

ABOUT REPRESENTATION

IllumiNative

<http://illuminative.org/resources>

- **Reclaiming Native Truth (report)**

Reclaiming Native Truth is a national effort to achieve equity, inclusion and policy changes that will improve the lives of Native families and communities.

<https://illuminative.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/FullFindingsReport-screen-spreads-1.pdf>

- **What's In and What's Out In Native Representation**

In the past few years, Native and Indigenous representation has shifted and changed in a positive way. Check out what's in and what's out in Native representation.

https://illuminative.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Whats_In_Whats_Out.pdf

Watch: **We The Peoples Before** speaks to the diversity of Nations, cultures, languages, philosophies, spiritual traditions, peoples, and practices rooted in land and territories that flourished across North America long before the founding of the United States and the U.S. Constitution. <http://wethepeoplesbefore.org>

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZTlwd2AQeM>

Imaging The Indian: The Fight Against Native American Mascoting

<http://imaginingtheindianfilm.org>