

FOREST LITERACY HOT TOPIC INDIGENOUS CONNECTION TO LAND

Indigenous Peoples have a deep connection with forests.

Indigenous Peoples lived in and relied upon forests since time immemorial for food, shelter, medicine, and spiritual connection. Today, many Indigenous Peoples and communities continue to live in and utilize forested areas in ways that are rooted in their time-honored values and traditions, including a deep commitment to sustainability. Many have also entered into agreements, known as treaties, with non-Indigenous governments, to share lands and resources, and to ensure that their continued relationships with forests will be protected. This makes Indigenous Peoples important partners when determining forest management objectives, practices, and outcomes.



KEY FOREST LITERACY PLAN CONCEPTS FOR INDIGENOUS CONNECTION TO LAND

Forest literacy activities may help to address questions such as:

- What does it mean to be in relationship with the forest?
- What role(s) do Indigenous Peoples play in sustainably managing forests?
- In what ways does sustainable forest management affect Indigenous Peoples' rights and traditional practices?

Grade Level	Concepts
K-2	Theme 4, B.1 Theme 4, B.2
3-5	Theme 3, D.1 Theme 3, D.4 Theme 4, B.2
6-8	Theme 3, D.3 Theme 3, E.4 Theme 2, C.6
9-12	Theme 3, B.1 Theme 3, B.5