

## INTRODUCTION TO COMMON THREADS V—MÉTIS RESOURCE

Greetings,

The Métis Resource is a companion to the Common Threads V—*Full Circle: First Nations, Métis and Inuit Ways of Knowing* resource. This resource was developed by a team of Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF/FEESO) members along with staff from the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO).

There were many reasons for developing a Métis-specific resource. First, there was a recognition that the original Full Circle resource had a limited number of lessons that directly applied to Métis history, culture and issues. Also, the Métis Nation of Ontario approached OSSTF/FEESO with an offer to provide feedback and support for the development of lesson plans and resources to better enhance the original Full Circle package.

The contributors to this resource either self-identified as Métis, had significant experience in teaching or consulting on Indigenous education in their work as educators or were original members of the Full Circle project. To maintain consistency, the writers used the same format as the Full Circle resource so that there would be familiarity for those who have used it in the past.

With the release of the recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 2015, the creation of this companion resource can be seen as one of many efforts by OSSTF/FEESO to provide additional supports and resources to help our members better educate themselves and their students on First Nations, Métis and Inuit history, culture and issues. Reconciliation is about the future, and better equipping our educators with resources to teach about the past and present is only one small part of the equation. The key is to take this knowledge and perspectives of the past and present to create a better way forward into the future.

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Those who are looking to use this resource should refer back to the original Common Threads V—Full Circle resource for some guidance and perspective on the layout used for these lesson plans. As with any lesson plan resource, educators are encouraged to adapt what is written here to fit the needs of your students, and to address any curricular expectations in the course that you use them in.

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