

MÉTIS STEREOTYPES

Learning goal: To develop awareness of existing stereotypes and make connections to our rights & responsibilities as active citizens.

Suggested timeline: 1 x 75-minute period

Subjects: Civics, Health & Physical Education (personal safety, rights and responsibilities), and History

Lesson opener

See it:

Interview with Gary Lipinski, Jason Madden and Kelly Campagnaro.

[youtube.com/watch?v=4uk-gPzeXoE&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4uk-gPzeXoE&feature=youtu.be)

What myths/stereotypes exist in your community? How does it make you feel? Where do you think these ideas come from?

The video presented some general stereotypes or beliefs people harbour in regard to First Nations, Métis, Inuit. Who are the Métis? What do you know about Métis people? How do you know these things? Where did you get those ideas?

Strategy/Lesson activity

Feel it:

How do myths/stereotypes impact us (Either those who are the subject of the myth/stereotype, or those perpetuating the myth/stereotype)? Discuss. Relate to OHRC (Ontario Human Rights Code) and CCRF (Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms). How do we address these myths/stereotypes and help people make connections?

Know it:

Small Group: Each group take an article (see suggested resources) discussing current stereotyping. Determine the stereotype addressed. Is it positive/negative imaging? What is the impact on us (the group stereotyped, and the bystanders, those perpetuating the myth)? How can we create an awareness and understanding of the negativity of these myths? Share with class.

Assessment

Do it:

According to the CCRF (Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms) and the OHRC (Ontario Human Rights Code), what rights do citizens have? What responsibilities come with those rights? How do we address those responsibilities as it relates to debunking the myths/stereotypes discussed above? Refer to Blackline Master.

Extension

Create a commercial to combat Métis Stereotypes.

Suggested Resources:

The Agenda interview with Gary Lipinski, Jason Madden and Kelly Campignaro
youtube.com/watch?v=4uk-gPzeXoE&feature=youtu.be

MNO youth testify before the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples
youtube.com/watch?v=n4H_nkNMaKU&feature=youtu.be%20

Half breeds as drunks activehistory.ca/2012/10/ive-never-heard-of-the-metis-people-the-politics-of-naming-racialization-and-the-disregard-for-aboriginal-canadians

You're Métis? So which of your parents is an Indian?
apihtawikosisan.com/2011/12/youre-metis-so-which-of-your-parents-is-an-indian

Natives still suffer shameful stereotypes
theglobeandmail.com/opinion/editorials/natives-still-suffer-shameful-stereotypes/article568349

Miss Universe Canada provides Métis winner a cosmic stage
windspeaker.com/news/windspeaker-news/miss-universe-canada-provides-metis-winner-a-cosmic-stage

OHRC (Ontario Human Rights Code)
www.ohrc.on.ca/en/indigenous-peoples-ontario-and-ontario-human-rights-code-brochure

United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples afn.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/UN-Declaration-on-the-Rights-of-Indigenous-Peoples-Coalition-Handbook.pdf

United Nations Declaration of the Rights of The Child
canadiancrc.com/UN_CRC/UN_Declaration_on_the_Rights_of_the_Child.aspx

Rights and Responsibilities of Canadian Citizens
canadavisa.com/rights-responsibilities-canadian-citizens.html