













First Nations Identity Did you know?

-  That there are 615 Anishnabe communities in Canada?
-  That there are 698,025 Anishnabe people in Canada?
-  That there are 10 First Nation language Families (Algonquian, Athapaskan, Siouan, Salish, Tsimshian, Wakashan, Iroquaian, Haida, Kutenai, Tlingit)?
-  That of the 60 Aboriginal languages, the one spoken by the largest number of First Nations people is Cree (87,285) followed by Ojibway (30,255), Oji-Cree (12,435) and Montagnais-Naskapi (11,080)?
-  That 50% of Anishnabe people are under 25 years old?
-  That Anishnabe means "original person", Anishnabe is singular and Anishnabek is dual?
-  That most Anishnabe communities point to a direction with their chin and bottom lip?
-  That a rights of passage for young girls is to sacrifice berries for 1 year in thanks to the creator for making her a young woman?
-  That a rights of passage for a young boy is to go on his first hunt to show that he can provide adequately for the community?
-  That Anishnabek made baskets out of birch bark and water was boiled by placing hot stones in water in these baskets?
-  That at meal time, the children were served first, then the elders, then the women and the men ate last?
-  That Anishnabek children were born to follow the protocols of their clan?