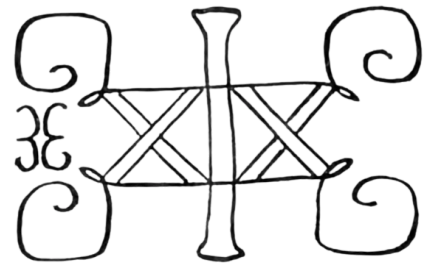


Frequently Asked Questions




The information on this document is meant to address some concerns that educators may have about barriers to teaching Indigenous history and culture. The links below may not all be specific to Wabanaki studies, but rather include some general guidelines for teaching Indigenous studies.

- What terms describing Indigenous peoples are respectful?

This can be a confusing topic, especially as individual opinions and terms continue to shift over time. *The simplest and most important approach is to speak with an open and respectful attitude, and allow your terminology to shift as your understanding grows.*

That being said, here are the specifics: *Whenever possible, it is best to use the terms for local communities.* In addition, when possible use personal preference. You may use “Wabanaki” or specifically identify the Peskomuhkati, Abenaki, Panawahpskek, Mi’kmaq and Wolastoqiyik nations as appropriate.

- What exactly is cultural appropriation? What is cultural appreciation? And what is my role in addressing this as an educator? [This resource](#) addresses these questions.
- What if I am afraid of being disrespectful, and it is preventing me from moving forward? [This resource](#) is a good place to start addressing it.
- Is it ok to recreate Indigenous art or crafts with other materials? (Like making baskets out of paper.) [This resource](#) outlines some important considerations.
- How can I respectfully address comments about mascots? [This resource](#) addresses some of the most common arguments, and how to respond.
- What is LR1184? What is the State of the Tribes Address 2023? [This resource](#) provides an explanation and a video of this historic event.

- What are some current calls to action, and how can I be a better ally? [This resource](#) provides up-to-date information.
- Are there any in-person learning opportunities I can pursue for a deeper understanding? [This resource](#) includes upcoming opportunities with the Wabanaki Studies Specialist.
- Are there other resources that can help me bring Wabanaki education into my classroom? [Wabanaki Studies Page](#)- and  Wabanaki Studies Framework has many resources for teachers and students of all ages.

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