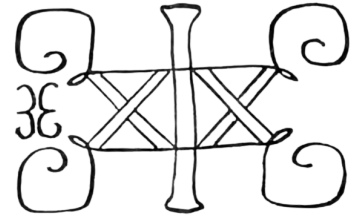



# Grade 5 Interdisciplinary Educator Guide



## Background:

 Wabanaki Studies Framework

[DOE Wabanaki Studies Website](#)

- There is a Grades 3-5 MOOSE module called The [Wabanaki and the Environment](#). The science and social studies lessons below do not require a pre teaching of the module, but it is available for you to use in its entirety or to pull out specific lessons and teach parts of it.

**Introduction:** The Panawahpskek (Penobscot) Nation, Peskotomuhkati (Passamaquoddy) Tribe, Mi'kmaq Nation, (Wolastoqiyik) Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, and Abenaki (collectively known as the Wabanaki Nations) have lived for thousands of years in the land we now call Maine. They are known collectively as the Wabanaki, or "People of the Dawnland." How can we learn from the past to help us understand our roles today, respecting rights of others, and to maintain a community that works together for the good of all?

## Guiding Questions:

How is a Wabanaki government organized?

What does sovereignty mean and why is this important to Wabanaki?

How are laws made and revised to protect freedoms?

What are the names that were given to the land we are on?

How were these places named based on geographic features?

How did colonization impact Wabanaki?

How are Wabanaki working to be part of government decisions in Augusta?

## Curriculum Lessons and suggested progression:

Please note: *The intro lesson for grade 5 is based on assumed previous knowledge from other grade levels. If your district is in the beginning stages of incorporating Wabanaki studies, it may be helpful to go back to earlier grade levels*

Lesson #	Social Studies	Lesson #	Science
1	Introduction Lesson 1 <a href="#">Activating Prior Knowledge &amp; Fact / Opinion</a>	1	Lesson 1 <a href="#">Stewardship &amp; Relationship with Water</a>
2	Lesson 2 <a href="#">Primary vs Secondary Sources &amp; Reliability of Information</a>	2	Lesson 2 Ecosystems: <a href="#">Stewards of the Land: Caring for Blueberries, Bees, and Traditions</a>
3	Lesson 3 <a href="#">Timeline (History)</a>	3	Lesson 3 <a href="#">Life Science - Plants</a>
4	Lesson 4 <a href="#">Wabanaki Communities Today (Geography)</a>	4	Lesson 4 Earth / Science Environmental <a href="#">Protecting Our Environment Today &amp; Developing a Relationship with the Natural World Around You.</a>
5	Lesson 5 <a href="#">Treaties &amp; Sovereignty (Civics)</a>		
6	Lesson 6 <a href="#">Wabanaki Leadership</a>		

**Standards:**

[Social Studies Standards for Grade 5](#)

[Science Standards for Grade 5](#)

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