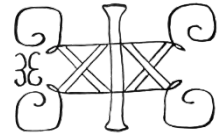


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Wabanaki Studies Indigenous Heritage

Month Guide



As we move into November, often recognized as Native American Heritage Month, we ask that you take a moment to reflect and read this thought-provoking article from First Nations Development Institute: [4 Reasons to Rethink Your November](#).

Maine DOE Wabanaki Studies Resources

- [Wabanaki Studies | Maine Department of Education](#)
- [Resources for Teaching about Thanksgiving](#)
- [Wabanaki Studies Printables – bulletin board resources](#)
- [Wabanaki Studies Framework](#)
- [Directions – How to sign up for Wabanaki Studies micro-courses](#)
- [MOOSE Wabanaki Studies interdisciplinary online modules](#)

Upcoming Events and Professional Development:

[Register here](#) for the Autumn 2025 Wabanaki Webinar Series, which includes:

- November 5 – Chris Newell – If You Lived During the Plimoth Thanksgiving, If You Lived During the American Revolution
- November 12 – Donna Loring – "Paper Chains" Based on Tribal State Relations
- November 19 – Keyana Pardilla – How Research Can Shape Pathways Toward Healing and Self Determination

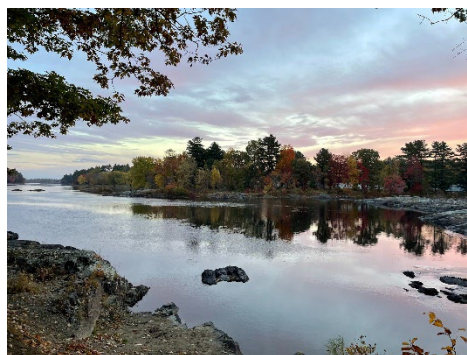
Additional Events:

- The [Robert Talbot Civil Rights Speaker Series](#): November 6 from 5:30-7 p.m. in Orono
- [Passamaquoddy Language Classes](#): Mondays at 4 p.m., online
- [First Light Community Conversation](#): November 19 from 4-5 p.m., online
- [Wabanaki Art Market](#): November 30 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Bangor

Further Reading:

- [American Indians in Children's Literature](#) – critical analysis of Indigenous representation in children's and young adult books. Read the post on Wabanaki citizen Chris Newell's book, *If You Lived During the Plimoth Thanksgiving*.
- [Smithsonian Institution: Native American Heritage Month](#) – events, resources, exhibitions, and podcasts
- National Parks Service: [Commemorations and Celebrations – Native American Heritage Month](#) – Indigenous history and heritage in year-round resources
- U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs: [National Native American Heritage Month](#) – celebrating the diversity and contributions of Indigenous peoples and honoring our Native veterans
- [American Indian History and Heritage](#): This teacher's guide invites educators to explore Indigenous cultures and histories through resources designed to integrate easily into humanities curricula year-round.
- Gale Blog: [How to Observe Native American Heritage Month Year Round](#)

The Maine Department of Education (DOE) acknowledges that we are on Wabanaki homelands. We recognize the sovereignty of the Panawahpskek (Penobscot) Nation, Peskotomuhkati (Passamaquoddy) Tribe, Mi'kmaq Nation, Wolastoqiyik (Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians), and Abenaki, collectively known as the Wabanaki Nations, who have stewarded these lands for more than 13,000 years and continue to live in relationship with the land we now call Maine and Canada.



The Maine DOE is committed to centering and highlighting Wabanaki perspectives, histories, and experiences through ongoing collaboration with Wabanaki Nations, Indigenous and non-Indigenous educators, school administrative units (SAUs), and partners. The Maine DOE extends our deep respect and gratitude to the many Indigenous people and their ancestors whose rich histories and vibrant communities continue to shape this place we all now call home.

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