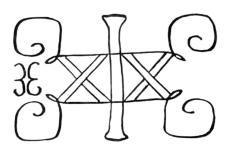
# Why Wabanaki Studies?



# It's the law:

 Maine Native American Studies Law (Maine State Law 2001 Chapter 403, An Act to Require Teaching of Maine Native American History and Culture in Maine's Schools--or LD 291

# It's in our Maine Learning Results:

<u>Content Standards | Department of Education</u>

# Know the importance of Place-Based Education:

LD 291 was written to ensure:

- 1. that no one can live in this space, we now call Maine, without knowing they live in the Dawnland
- 2. we know our history and we cannot do that without acknowledging the Panawahpskek (Penobscot), Wolastoq (Maliseet), Mi'kmaq, Abenaki, and Peskotumukati (Passamaquoddy) nations
- **3**. students learn about the imposed political boundaries that shape what we now call Maine
- 4. schools teach about the continuous presence, governance, stewardship, adaptability, endurance, and resistance of Wabanaki people.

# Learn about the Wabanaki?

- History of the Wabanaki
- <u>Wabanaki Studies</u> in the classroom (Abbe Museum)
- <u>Current issues</u> shared by the Wabanaki Alliance

# Learn about political borders:

- <u>Map</u> of Wabanaki territory before being moved to reservations.
- Interactive Wabanaki maps from Abbe Museum

# Learn about the history of the Wabanaki:

- European contact
- Boarding schools
- <u>article</u> about Wabanaki children being removed from their homes and forced into foster care.

# Connect Wabanaki Studies to other learning:

• Interdisciplinary

#### Crucial conversations:

• Teach students to have <u>crucial conversations</u>

#### Understand Indigenous stereotypes in Maine:

- Stereotyping Native Americans article
- Indigenous Peoples in Maine are Not Mascots | Maulian Dana | TEDxDirigo

#### Understand Why Maine replaced Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day:

• Indigenous Peoples Day Resources.pdf

#### Meet Wabanaki artists, environmentalists and activists:

- David Moses Bridges
- <u>Geo Soctomah Neptune</u>
- Maulian Dana
- <u>Theresa Secord</u>
- <u>Wabanaki Traditional Knowledge Keeper Directory</u>

#### Listen to Wabanaki music:

- Emma Stevens Blackbird by The Beatles sung in Mi'kmaq
- <u>Wabanaki Drumming</u> music

#### Learn how to be an Ally:

- It's easier than you may think!
- Check out these **<u>10 Ways to Be an Ally</u>**