

## 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:

- [Content Standards | Department of Education](#)

### 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](#)
- [Wabanaki Studies](#) in the classroom (Abbe Museum)
- [Current issues](#) shared by the Wabanaki Alliance

### Learn about political borders:

- [Map](#) 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](#)
- [article](#) 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 [crucial conversations](#)

### 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](#)
- [Geo Soctomah Neptune](#)
- [Maulian Dana](#)
- [Theresa Secord](#)
- [Wabanaki Traditional Knowledge Keeper Directory](#)

### Listen to Wabanaki music:

- [Emma Stevens - Blackbird by The Beatles sung in Mi'kmaq](#)
- [Wabanaki Drumming](#) music

### Learn how to be an Ally:

- It's easier than you may think!
- Check out these [10 Ways to Be an Ally](#)