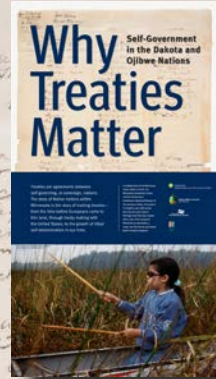


# Why Treaties Matter

Self-Government  
in the Dakota and  
Ojibwe Nations

LEARN MORE



## HIGHLIGHTED RESOURCES

### American Indian Responses to Statehood (online video interviews)

<http://www.mnhum.org/video/indigenousvoiceshomepage.cfm>

In 2008, Minnesota recognized its sesquicentennial. Some, many even, celebrated. Others did not. In the months leading up to the sesquicentennial, the Minnesota Humanities Center began working with Dakota and Ojibwe people to record stories of how statehood affected their homes, their families, their future. These stories are painfully absent from traditional histories of Minnesota textbooks, and other educational resources.

### Bdote Memory Map (website)

<http://www.bdotememorymap.org/>

The Bdote Memory Map is a geography-based, digital media resource for Dakota people to express connections to traditional places and to help non-Native citizens see Minnesota from an indigenous point of view.

See also: <http://humanitieslearning.org/resource/index.cfm?act=1&TagID=o&CatID=o&SearchText=bdote>

### Dakota and Ojibwe-U.S. Treaties Today (online video interviews)

<http://www.mnhum.org/video/americanindiantreatiesHomepage.cfm>

Learn from tribal members in Minnesota as they discuss treaties from a personal and scholarly perspective. How do these videos challenge or reinforce your current perceptions of treaties?

### How much do YOU know about treaties? (downloadable PowerPoint)

Download from: <http://www.mnhum.org/treaties>

This PowerPoint quiz is a great resource for schools groups and other visitors who want to test their knowledge about treaties in this place we know call Minnesota.

### **Land and Borders: Indigenous Perspective** (online video documentary)

<http://www.mnhum.org/video/betweenfences.cfm>

Each year the Minnesota Humanities Center helps local museums across Minnesota bring Smithsonian Museum programming to their sites through the Museum on Main Street program. In 2009-2010 the exhibit was Between Fences, looking at the multiple meanings behind the every day icon of the fence. To enhance the programming, the Humanities Center partnered with Allies: Media/Art to create a documentary that was presented as part of the exhibit and afforded an American Indian relationship to land, borders, and boundaries.

### **Major Land Cessions in Minnesota Treaties** (downloadable pdf)

Download from: <http://www.mnhum.org/treaties>

A pdf version of major land cessions in Minnesota treaties from 1830 to 1866.

### **Treaties Involving Indigenous People and Land within Minnesota Territory** (downloadable pdf)

Download from: <http://www.mnhum.org/treaties>

A pdf document that includes the year, treaty participant, place signed, date signed, and treaty contents for over 40 treaties involving Indigenous people/land within Minnesota Territory from 1805 to 1867.

### **Dakota and Ojibwe Tribal Nation Websites**

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe [www.millelacsojibwe.org](http://www.millelacsojibwe.org)

Fond du Lac Band of Ojibwe [www.fdlrez.com](http://www.fdlrez.com)

Red Lake Nation [www.redlakenation.org](http://www.redlakenation.org)

White Earth Band of Ojibwe [www.whiteearth.com](http://www.whiteearth.com)

Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe [www.boisforte.com](http://www.boisforte.com)

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe [www.llojibwe.com](http://www.llojibwe.com)

Grand Portage Band of Ojibwe [www.grandportage.com](http://www.grandportage.com)

Prairie Island Sioux Community [www.prairieisland.org](http://www.prairieisland.org)

Upper Sioux Community [www.uppersioux.nsn.gov](http://www.uppersioux.nsn.gov)

Lower Sioux Community [www.lowersioux.com](http://www.lowersioux.com)

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community [www.ccsmdc.org](http://www.ccsmdc.org)

### **Other Recommended Web Sites**

Minnesota Indian Affairs Council <http://www.indianaffairs.state.mn.us/>

Established in 1963, the Indian Affairs Council is the oldest council in the nation and serves as a liaison of the Indian tribes and the state of Minnesota.

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe <http://www.mnchippewatribe.org/>

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, comprised of the Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, and White Earth reservations, is a federally recognized tribal government that, through unified leadership, promotes and protects the member Bands while providing quality services and technical assistance to the reservation governments and tribal people.

Indian Country Today Media Network <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/>  
Intersecting Ojibwe Art Curriculum <http://intersectingart.umn.edu/>

Ojibwe Waasa-Inaabidaa - “We Look in All Directions” (a six-part historical documentary series for public television featuring the history and culture of the Anishinaabe-Ojibwe people of the Great Lakes) [www.ojibwe.org](http://www.ojibwe.org)

### **2012 Why Treaties Matter Curriculum Guide**

**Developed by Priscilla Buffalohead and Ramona Kitto-Stately**

<http://humanitieslearning.org/resource/uploads/Why%20Treaties%20Matter%20Curriculum.pdf>

## **LANGUAGE RESOURCES**

### **Ojibwe Language Resources**

Ojibwe People’s Dictionary <http://ojibwe.lib.umn.edu/>

Bemidji State University American Indian Resource Center:

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/airc/resources/ojibwe/>

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/airc/>

### **Dakota Language Resources**

University of Minnesota: Department of American Indian Studies, Dakota Dictionary Online

<https://filemaker.cla.umn.edu/dakota/>

## **LITERATURE**

### **Books About History and Culture**

Broker, Ignatia. *Night Flying Woman*. St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1983.

Buffalohead, Priscilla. *Traditional Indian Stories*. Coon Rapids: Anoka-Hennepin School District, 1991.

Benton-Banai, Edward. *The Mishomis Book*. Hayward: Indian Country Communications, Inc., 1988.

Coatsworth, Emerson and David. *The Adventures of Nanabush. Ojibwe Indian Stories, told by Sam Snake*. Toronto : Doubleday Canada, 1979.

Deloria, Vine Jr. *God is Red*. New York: The Putnam Publishing Group, 2003.

Eastman, Charles. *Indian Boyhood*. New York: Dover Publications, 1971.

Erdrich, Heid. *Original Local: Indigenous Foods, Stories, and Recipes from the Upper Midwest*. St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2013.

Goble, Paul. *Buffalo Woman*. New York: Bradbury Press, 1984.

Goble, Paul. *Beyond the Ridge*. New York: Bradbury Press, 1989.

Goble, Paul. *Death of Iron Horse*. New York: Bradbury Press, 1987.

Goble, Paul. *Dream Wolf*. New York: Bradbury Press, 1990.

Goble, Paul. *The Friendly Wolf*. New York: Bradbury Press, 1974.

Goble, Paul. *The Gift of the Sacred Dog*. New York: Bradbury Press, 1980.

Goble, Paul. *The Girl Who Loved Horses*. New York: Bradbury Press, 1978.

Goble, Paul. *The Great Race*. New York: Bradbury Press, 1985.

Goble, Paul. *Star Boy*. New York: Bradbury Press, 1983.

Johnson, Basil. *Tales the Elders Told. Ojibwe Legends*. Toronto: Royal Ontario Museum, 1981.

Martinson, David. *Cheer Up Old Man*. Duluth: Duluth Indian Education Committee, 1975.

Martinson, David. *Shemay: The Bird in the Sugarbush*. Duluth: Duluth Indian Education Committee, 1975.

McLellan, Joseph. *The Birth of Nanabozho*. Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications, 1989.

McLellan, Joseph. *Nanabozho Steals Fire*. Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications, 1990.

Schneider, David M. and George C. Holmes. "Kinship Terminology and the American Kinship System," *American Anthropologist*. 57(2) (1955): 1194-1208.

Warren, William. *A History of the Ojibwe People*. St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1885.

Treuer, Anton. *Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask*. St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2011.

Treuer, Anton. *Ojibwe in Minnesota*. St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2010.

### **Other Literature Resources**

Minnesota Historical Society - a listing of Native Voices books <http://shop.mnhs.org/category.cfm?Category=122>

American Indians in Children's Literature <http://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/>

## **VIDEOS**

### **Big Question: Do Indian Treaty Rights Still Matter?**

The Big Question is a monthly video series from Capital Ideas at Chicago Booth. Every month, we ask Booth faculty and invited guests for their perspectives on important issues.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAmdGX71jfk&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAmdGX71jfk&feature=youtube_gdata_player)

**Dreamkeeper. DVD. Hallmark Home Entertainment. 2004.**

### **Minnesota Humanities Center's Absent Narratives Resource Collection videos:**

Boarding school experience <http://humanitieslearning.org/resource/index.cfm?act=1&TagID=o&CatID=o&SearchText=boarding school&SortBy=1&mediatype=o&lurl=1>

Treaties <http://humanitieslearning.org/resource/index.cfm?act=1&TagID=&CatID=50,99&SearchText=&SortBy=1&mediatype=3&lurl=1>