

## Indian Boarding School Resources, 7-12-2021 (6 pp)

### United States – Boarding Schools

#### **Comprehensive website:**

National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition <https://boardingschoolhealing.org>

#### **Videos, including survivor stories**

##### **Boarding School Healing (5:53)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HZgmJmdpf8>

January 25, 2017. The Native American Rights Fund is pursuing strategies to support the healing of boarding school survivors; Native American children, families, and communities; and tribal nations.

##### **Unseen Tears: The Native American Boarding School Experience in Western New York Part 1 (9:52)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioAzggmes8c>

November 3, 2013. Unseen Tears Native American boarding school documentary. Native American families in Western New York and Ontario continue to feel the impact of the Thomas Indian School and the Mohawk Institute. Survivors speak of traumatic separation from their families, abuse, and a systematic assault on their language and culture. Western New York Native American communities are presently attempting to heal the wounds and break the cycle inter-generational trauma resulting from the boarding (residential) school experience. Unseen Tears documents the stories of boarding school survivors, their families, and social service providers.

##### **Unseen Tears The Native American Boarding (Residential) School Experience in Western New York Part 2 (10:52)**

November 3, 2013. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PaqrM1iCf0>

##### **Unseen Tears The Native American Boarding (Residential) School Experience in Western New York Part 3 (9:13)**

November 3, 2013. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2d-FbXx-LSk>

##### **Indian School: A Survivor's Story (40:30)**

<https://www.cultureunplugged.com/documentary/watch-online/play/54410/Indian-School--A-Survivor-s-Story#>

2010. **Synopsis:** Indian School: A Survivor's Story is a documentary detailing some of the many abuses of the American Indian Boarding Schools in the United States, taken from testimonies of survivors, many of which center on the Boarding School in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. This documentary arose from a talking circle of survivors from American Indian Services in Lincoln Park, Michigan.

**Description:** Proposing to “kill the Indian and save the man,” U.S. Army captain Richard H. Pratt envisioned an educational system that would erase Native American culture and “civilize” the continent’s indigenous people. His chosen method? Removing children from Pennsylvania’s tribal communities and confining them in barracks-style schools—initially the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, which Pratt founded in 1879. In myopic terms it was a remarkably effective strategy, and Carlisle became a cruel model for institutions all over the U.S. and Canada, including Michigan’s Mount Pleasant Indian School. Subjected to emotional, physical, and spiritual abuse, Mount Pleasant students were inevitably alienated from their families, native languages, and tribal religions. This film combines archival materials with present-day interviews to make clear just how inhumane the system was. Survivors from Tlingit, Chippewa, Choctaw, and Lakota communities describe in raw, unflinching terms the impact on First Nations across North America. Contains occasional profanity. (41 minutes)

## Schools tried to forcibly assimilate Indigenous kids. Can the U.S. make amends?

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/schools-tried-to-forcibly-assimilate-indigenous-kids-can-the-us-make-amends>

June 23, 2021. PBS Newshour program

## Panel Discussion: The Documentary "Indian School: A Survivor's Story" (30:28)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUeNRAnEg>

July 12, 2012. The creators and some of the participants in the documentary "Indian School: A Survivor's Story" discuss the making of the documentary, and participant-survivors share some of their stories highlighted in the film.

## U.S. official to address legacy of Indigenous boarding schools

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/watch-live-u-s-official-to-address-legacy-of-indigenous-boarding-schools>

June 22, 2021. The federal government will investigate its past oversight of Native American boarding schools and work to “uncover the truth about the loss of human life and the lasting consequences” of the institutions, which over the decades forced hundreds of thousands of children from their families and communities, U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland announced Tuesday.

## Native American Boarding Schools (56:43)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yo1bYj-R7F0>

<https://www.pbsutah.org/pbs-utah-productions/shows/unspoken/>

<https://www.pbs.org/video/unspoken-americas-native-american-boarding-schools-oobt1r/>

February 16, 2016. A moving and insightful look into the history, operation, and legacy of the federal Indian Boarding School system, whose goal was total assimilation of Native Americans at the cost of stripping away Native culture, tradition, and language. [#NativeAmerican](#) [#Indigenous](#) [#IndianBoardingSchools](#)

## How the US stole thousands of Native American children (13:41)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGqWRyBCHhw&t=29s>

October 14, 2019. [Vox](#) The long and brutal history of the US trying to “kill the Indian and save the man.”

Toward the end of the 19th century, the US took thousands of Native American children and enrolled them in off-reservation boarding schools, stripping them of their cultures and languages. Yet decades later as the US phased out the schools, following years of indigenous activism, it found a new way to assimilate Native American children: promoting their adoption into white families. Watch the episode to find out how these two distinct eras in US history have had lasting impacts on Native American families.

## Native American Boarding Schools - What They Took Away: Reflections on Native Boarding Schools. (14:39)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZO38EUu-1uA&t=13s>

May 2, 2015. Native American Boarding School Video. Dennis Banks, co-founder of the American Indian Movement (A.I.M) reflects on his experiences with Native boarding (residential) schools. Dennis escaped several times from the boarding schools. Survivors of Native boarding school have described undergoing systematic abuse and trauma resulting from being forcibly separated from their families.

## Indian Boarding Schools (24:17)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CSaRg6coUoo&t=13s>

March 3, 2018

## **Documentaries**

### **Broken Treaties: full documentary (59:19)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHq6ncJJ35w>

November 19, 2020. Oregon Public Broadcasting: For thousands of years, more than 60 Native American tribes lived in Oregon's diverse environmental regions. At least 18 languages were spoken across hundreds of villages. This civilizational fabric became unraveled in just a few short decades upon contact with white settlers in the 19th century. In this ""Oregon Experience"" documentary, Native Oregonians reflect on what has been lost since and what's next for their tribes.

## **Canada – Residential Schools**

### **Videos & survivor stories**

#### **Canadian Shame: A History of Residential Schools | Ginger Gosnell-Myers | TEDxVancouver (15:25)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1EDbbse2BM&t=5s>

June 25, 2018. Ginger Gosnell-Myers, of Nisga'a and Kwakwaka'wakw heritage, is a policy expert, researcher, and activist whose work focuses on removing barriers between Indigenous peoples and all Canadians while fostering cooperation through open communication. Ginger was the City of Vancouver's first Indigenous Relations Manager, where she advanced Vancouver as the world's first "City of Reconciliation", and ensured that Indigenous recognition and meaningful inclusion was reflected throughout all City departments and plans. Ginger was a lead on the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Study, Canada's largest research study on Indigenous people's living in urban centers. She has held key roles in Greenpeace Canada, the Inspirit Foundation, the Urban Native Youth Association, and the Assembly of First Nations. Ginger's ultimate goal is to advance reconciliation and promote understanding of Vancouver as an unceded territory. This talk was given at a TEDx event using the TED conference format but independently organized by a local community. Learn more at <https://www.ted.com/tedx>

#### **Wawahte: Stories of Residential School Survivors - FULL DOCUMENTARY (48:45)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGrJNUCQ-r4&t=10s>

October 25, 2016. Wawahte is an educational documentary based on the book of the same title by Robert P. Wells, first published in 2012. It tells the story of Indian Residential Schools from the perspective of three of its survivors. This documentary is free to be screened for elementary and high school students. Author Robert Wells and producer John Sanfilippo are available for screenings and discussion. They can be contacted via the Wawahte website. [www.wawahte.com](http://www.wawahte.com)

#### **Canadian History and the Indian Residential School System (22:15)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-28Z93hCOI&t=207s>

July 17, 2014. 20 minute history of Canada and the Indian Residential School system. To provide historical context and intended as a prequel to the video Murray Sinclair Truth and Reconciliation. Developed for School District 27 Grade 5/10 History curriculum.

#### **National Indigenous Peoples Day | Canada Tonight Special (1:04:00)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGHJlzly-q5>

June 21, 2021. National Indigenous Peoples Day is being celebrated from coast to coast to coast as tragic reminders of this country's treatment of First Nations weigh on the national conscience.

### **KUPER ISLAND ~ Residential School Survivors Documentary (43:33)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5UW8gojr2HM>

March 1, 2016. Residential schools, reconciliation added to curriculum for B.C. Up until now B.C. students didn't typically learn about residential schools until Grade 11 social studies. But this fall, new curriculum material will be available for Grades 5, 10, 11 and 12. KUPER ISLAND: Return to the Healing Circle. Residential School Survivors. It was the Kuper Island Residential School, and it stood on a remote island off the coast of British Columbia. They called it Alcatraz. For almost a century, hundreds of Coast Salish children were sent to Kuper Island, where they were forbidden from speaking their native language, forced to deny their cultural heritage, and often faced physical and sexual abuse. Some died trying to escape on logs across the water. Many more died later, trying to escape their memories. Métis filmmaker Christine Welsh and Peter C. Campbell join survivors of the school, 20 years after its closure, as they begin to break the silence and embark on an extraordinary healing journey. FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/HighBanksE>  
Purchase the DVD: <http://movingimages.ca/store/products...> Produced By Peter C Campbell and Christine Welsh 1997 © Gumboot Productions Inc <http://www.gumboot.net/>

### **Residential School Survivor: Arthur Fourstar (25:56)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGNxfa0MQYs>

Maarch 1, 2019. Residential School Survivor Arthur Fourstar shares his story in 2011. Mr. Fourstar died in 2014. This video contains information about sexual assault and/or violence which may be triggering to survivors. 24-hour National Residential School Survivors Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419.

### **Stolen Children | Residential School survivors speak out (18:35)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdR9HcmiXLA&t=11s>

June 2, 2015. How Residential Schools affected survivors and their children and grandchildren. Click here for the full story: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/aboriginal>

### **How some children at the Kamloops residential school died (9:28)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fP90HOp08Mc>

June 6, 2021. WARNING: This video contains details some viewers may find distressing. CBC News has obtained information from survivors of the Kamloops Indian Residential School and death certificates regarding some children's deaths — including suicides, escape attempts and some who drowned in a nearby river.

### **Surviving the Kamloops Indian Residential School and the struggle for a settlement | APTN N2N (23:48)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJ7qm6m973U>

November 30, 2018. A special edition Nation To Nation from the Kamloops Indian Residential School. In this episode we focus on the forgotten Day Scholars and their struggle for a settlement. We'll have more details about their lawsuit over abuse and loss of language and culture. Plus a heartbreaking interview with a survivor.

### **Death at Residential Schools (8:09)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FydzlzkndA&t=87s>

Dec. 20, 2015. This week the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report. Among its findings, more details on the scale of tragedy at residential schools. Thousands of children died in that system. And that number only begins to show how lives were erased and loving families were changed forever.

### **Residential school survivor on waiting for reconciliation (5:30)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uL7Mn-MvcJk>

April 1, 2018. Residential school survivor Wanbdi Wakita says he's done his part for reconciliation and now it's up to other Canadians. To read more: <http://cbc.ca/beyond94>

### **St Mary's Documentary (37:30)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYqMpoRt7GM>

March 6, 2018. Listen while three people talk about how they survived the horrors of St. Mary's Indian Residential School.

### **Residential School Survivor Personal Stories pt 1 of 2 (14:35)**

May 30, 2014. Part 1 of 2 Personal stories by Elder Hazel Squakin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oejxDCza3U8>

### **Residential School Survivor Personal Stories pt 2 of 2 (6:22)**

May 30, 2014. Part 2 of 2 Personal stories by Elder Hazel Squakin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ImPqVtAhrY>

### **Healing Waters (Indian Residential School Survivor Story) ORANGE SHIRT DAY (14:58)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8iEksvrj26k>

September 30, 2020. This is a special mini-doc honouring survivors of Indian Residential School. Steve Stephen is from Waskaganish Cree Nation in Northern Quebec. He is a survivor who is brave in sharing his experiences. We honour him. We also honour the younger voices of Marvin Liam Netmaker, Jaira Cross Child and Heaven Smith. They had grandparents who went to Residential School and share how it affected them.

### **Silent Thunder The Search for Truth and Reconciliation (45:22)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xf8vBEBQ-PE>

March 1, 2016. This one hour special from CHEX Newswatch includes interviews with three former students of Ontario's Residential Schools, two from local First Nation's communities Curve Lake and Hiawatha on the impact the schools had on their lives, as well as interviews with members of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission which recently held hearings at Trent University in Peterborough. These former students discuss the impact the schools had on their lives.

### **Residential school survivor explains the impact on her family (3:38)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJ64DItsli0&t=16s>

March 19, 2018. Residential school survivor Louise Longclaws explains how the experience affected her ability to bond and parent her own children. To read more: [www.cbc.ca/beyond94](http://www.cbc.ca/beyond94)

### **Residential school survivor separated from siblings (5:57)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFDIn2CykXY&t=28s>

April 22, 2018. When she arrived at residential school, Karen Chaboyer was separated from her siblings and would get in trouble if she tried to talk to them. Please note, in this video it states that 16 of Karen's siblings went to residential school. In fact, 12 attended residential school. To read more:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous>

### **Residential school survivor: 'I grew up hating the colour of my skin.' (3:54)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2ITeM8D93Y&t=38s>

March 23, 2018. Residential school survivor Louise Hall explains why she hated the colour of her skin growing up and how she learned to accept herself eventually. To read more: <http://cbc.ca/beyond94>

### **Survivor Geronimo Henry recalls his experience at the Mohawk Institute Residential School (6:28)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jd4rz\\_6FGKs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jd4rz_6FGKs)

September 30, 2020. Mel visits the Mohawk Institute Residential School to learn more about what it was like for Indigenous children sent to residential schools. One of the survivors, Geronimo Henry recalls his experience at the school as a child.

### **Crimes against children at residential school: The truth about St. Anne's - The Fifth Estate (21:56)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ep7AW2K4Xww&t=3s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ep7AW2K4Xww&t=246s>

March 3, 2019. St. Anne's Indian Residential School in Northern Ontario was a place of horrific abuse and crimes against children that took place over decades. For years, records detailing the abuse were kept hidden — from survivors who needed them for their compensation claims. In Reconciliation Betrayed: The Horrors of St. Anne's, we show how CBC News obtain thousands of those very documents which expose the fuller picture of the abuse than was previously acknowledged. To read more: <https://www.cbc.ca/1.5039150>

### **Recounting the horrors of St. Anne's residential school (6:27)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJ9qhYATUm0&t=39s>

April 3, 2018. St. Anne's residential school survivor Leo Ashamock describes the abuse he experienced at the notorious residential school at Fort Albany First Nation in northeastern Ontario and the fear of being put in an electric chair.

### **Our Spirits Don't Speak English: Indian Boarding School (5:27)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDshQTBh5d4&t=7s>

January 24, 2008. An excerpt from the upcoming film, "Our Spirits Don't Speak English: Indian Boarding School." Release date spring 2008 from [www.richheape.com](http://www.richheape.com).