

Thanks to the Canadian Commission of UNESCO for compiling this well-vetted list below for how to teach the history of Orange Shirt Day.

Orange Shirt Day is commemorated on September 30th in recognition of the damage the residential school system has done to Indigenous children's self-esteem and well-being (orangetshirtday.org). The findings this year of hundreds of unmarked Indian Residential School graves underscores the gravity of the lived experiences of thousands of Indigenous children between 1894 and 1996 in Canada.

How to teach the history of Orange Shirt Day:

- 1) Get informed about Orange Shirt Day and its history through this [CBC article](#);
- 2) Participate in the [Truth and Reconciliation Week](#) from September 27th to October 1st, 2021 organized by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (i.e. A UNESCO School Teacher from NS, Carter Chiasson, and a former student are part of the program on September 28th at 11:30am EST);
- 3) Watch some [selected video](#) linked to Orange Shirt Day from the NFB;
- 4) Learn about residential schools through [Canadian Geographic's Pathways to Reconciliation](#) Project. Download the [teachers guide](#) to help you navigate this hard history;
- 5) Get informed about Indigenous Peoples that live in your region of Canada through the [Wapikoni Teachers Guide](#);
- 6) Seek to build relationships and better understand Indigenous Peoples in your region of Canada by learning a greeting in their [Indigenous language](#);
- 7) Celebrate the heritage, culture, history and achievements of indigenous peoples through [literature](#);
- 8) Review the [Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action](#) or be inspired by the work of a UNESCO School, École Laura Secord School in Winnipeg, where Grade 4,5 and 6 students reviewed and interpreted the [94 calls to action in child-friendly language](#). You can also download [a youth-friendly guide to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada \(TRC\)](#) 94 Calls to Action from the First Nations Child & Family Caring Society;
- 9) Be inspired by what other teachers and classrooms are doing across the country through the website [Project of Hearts](#);
- 10) Participate in the [Imagine a Canada](#) Program