Resource List on Indigenous People

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This listing of websites and videos is not complete. There are other books on the market that are accurate and a good source of information on Indigenous People or American Indians. This list will give you a good starting point in order to find reliable and accurate information.

References/Resources on American Indians

Web references

Illinois State Museum, Museum Link site on Native American Indians
http://www.museum.state.il.us/muslink/nat_amer/index.html
Illinois State Museum, Illinois Bicentennial: The Story of Illinois.
http://story.illinoisstatemuseum.org/category/anthropologyarchaeology

http://www.dickshovel.com/www.html
First Nation Site with information on some individual tribes

https://americanindian.si.edu/visit/washington/
National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Museum

https://newsmaven.io/indiancountrytoday/
Indian Country Today news

http://www.project562.com/about/
images of Native people to show diversity and debunk myths and stereotypes

https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360
Site developed for teachers by the Smithsonian Institute

https://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/
American Indians in Children's Literature

http://oyate.org/
Native site, has book reviews and resources, offers native perspective

https://www.history.com/topics/native-american-history/native-american-timeline
History.com timeline

https://www.npr.org/2018/11/22/670258035/what-educators-need-to-know-about-teaching-thanksgiving
Good article on Thanksgiving and what people understand about Native peoples by NPR News.

http://www.ncai.org/
National Congress of American Indians that advocates for American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments and communities.

https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=2c94e981a6c6485ab0e26bb680e0b063
Pox Americana, interactive map that shows the spread of Smallpox from 1775-1782

http://usg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=eb6ca76e008543a89349ff2517db47e6

Interactive map that shows change of Native American lands over time from 1785 to 1889.

https://digitreaties.org/
National Archives, Indigenous Digital Archive Treaties Explorer. Has scanned copies of 374 treaties between the U.S. Government and Native Nations.

https://theways.org/
The Ways, Stories on Culture and Language from Around the Central Great Lakes. Has videos and information about native cultures in the Great Lakes Region.

Rethinking Schools, https://www.rethinkingschools.org/, has 2 books
Rethinking Columbus Expanded Second Edition: The Next 500 years has both historical and contemporary information *Unlearning 'Indian' Stereotypes*, DVD, Native Children's voices

Tips for Teaching About Native People, Burke Museum
https://www.burkemuseum.org/education/learning-resources/tips-teaching-about-native-peoples

7 Foods Developed by Native Americans, History.com
https://www.history.com/news/native-american-foods-crops?cmpid=email-hist-inside-history-2021-1101-11022021&om_rid=67696b34e57fa88ecdfaae5523eab2f589db7bdaee89401020fa5a4acab3a01a&~campaign=hist-inside-history-2021-1101

Videos

The "Indian" Problem, Smithsonian Native American Indian Museum
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=if-BOZgWZPE

Manoomin, Food that Grows on Water, The Ways
https://theways.org/story/manoomin.html

Exemplar Profile: David O'Connor, Wisconsin First Nations
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCF-pfV5i0g

PBS Videos, Wisconsin Tribal Histories. multiple videos
https://video.pbswisconsin.org/show/tribal-histories/

Native American Occupation of Alcatraz, KQED Arts
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9sBk8Stms4

We Hold the Rock, Golden Gate Bridge National Recreation Area, National Park Service
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEmae2PsWJI

Illinois Native Peoples

List of Historic Native People Removed from Illinois

Illinois Confederacy (today the Peoria Tribe--include the major tribes such as the Peoria, Cahokia, Tamaroa, Kaskaskia, and Michigamea)
Wea and Piankashaw (historically separate from but now part of the Peoria Tribe)
Kickapoo
Potawatomi
Shawnee
Ho-Chunk (Winnebago)
Sauk and Meskwaki (Sac and Fox)
Miami
Odawa (Ottawa)
Ojibwe (Chippewa)
Delaware

Nations with Ancestral Homelands in Illinois

There are also many tribes who do not have treaty lands in Illinois but consider Illinois part of their ancestral homelands because they claim descent from Cahokia and other mound sites. These include:

Osage
Ioway
Otoe-Missouria
Kaw
Ponca
Quapaw