Bundle Item:	The Creation Story	**Lesson #**	1
Unit:	Aadsokaanan-The Seven Sacred Laws	**Division**	Primary/Junior
Month	January	**Time:**	45 minutes
Location:		**Ontario Curriculum Connection:**	Oral Communication, The Arts, Native Languages, Social Studies, History

Brief Description

This lesson will explore the Seven Sacred Laws using technology and traditional stories.
Students will:

- Develop an awareness of the Creation Story in relation to the Seven Sacred Laws
- Develop an awareness what the Seven Sacred Laws are
- Develop an awareness how morals were learned through story telling
- Use written and oral language to make connections between themselves and the story.

Lessons Guiding Questions (Setting Goals/Purpose, new vocabulary)

- We will learn about the Creation Story that relates to the Seven Sacred Laws
- We will learn about what the Seven Sacred Laws are
- We will learn about why the Seven Sacred Laws are important to us as Anishinaabe

Prior Knowledge Activation (Make connections, ask questions) 5 mins.

- What is a creation story? (Creation stories tell of how the world was born or how things came to be)
- What are the Seven Sacred Laws? (The Seven Sacred Laws, also known as the Seven Grandfather Teachings, are ancestral values that demonstrate what it means to live **Mino bimaadziwin**-a "good life".)
- What do the Seven Sacred Laws teach us? (The Seven Sacred Teachings, also known as the Teachings of the Seven Grandfathers, teach us about human conduct (morals) and how to treat others, the Earth, and all of Nature. They are what is needed for communities to survive.)
- Why are the Seven Sacred Laws important to the Anishinaabe? (The Seven Sacred Laws also known as The Teachings of the Seven Grandfathers are important because they are the founding principles of **Anishinaabe Aadziwin**-our way of life.)

Learning Goals (Modeling – think aloud, verbalize steps, demonstrate)	**Success Criteria** (specific terms of what successful attainment of the learning goals looks like)
● Have students sit in a circle on the rug ● Play the video: Episode 1: The Creation Story | The Seven Sacred Laws 4 mins. ● Discuss key points of this creation story and expand the learning: 15 mins. 1. In the beginning there was only darkness and silence and the sound of the **shiishiigwaan** broke the silence-For the Anishinaabe the sound of the **shiishiigwaan** is believed to be the first thoughts of Creator. This teaching is taught through our ceremonies. 2. A shiny blue light came to Earth from the sky world through **Bagone Giizhik**-The Hole in the Sky (a star constellation also known as the Seven Sisters or Pleiades in Greek astronomy) The Hole in the Sky is believed to be protected by seven sisters-the seven stars that make up the **Bagone-giizhik** constellation. 3. The shiny blue light is in each on of us, it is **Jichaag**-spirit. Anishinaabe gather to have ceremony and to honor the spirit. 4. What right of passage was mentioned in the video? (Vision Quest) 5. What is a vision quest? (a right of passage when boys become men by being initiated by Mother Earth	● I can describe what a creation story is ● I can describe what the Seven Sacred Laws are ● I can describe what the Seven Sacred Laws teach us ● I can describe why the Seven sacred Laws are important to the Anishinaabe ● I can describe what the sound of the **shiishiigwaan** represents ● I can identify what **Bgone Giizhik** is (star constellation) ● I can identify why ceremony is important to the Anishinaabe ● I can describe what a Vision Quest is

where they will fast for 4 days and 4 nights) ● Hand out the Gaa Zhi Kendaamang-Reflection Sheet and have the students work through it 15 mins.	

Resources/Materials for Teachers (i.e youtube, links, flipchart, markers, visuals)	**Resources/Materials for Students** (i.e. pencils, scissors, glue, activity page, devices)
Episode 1: The Creation Story | The Seven Sacred Laws Seven Grandfather Teachings First Nations Métis Inuit Student Education Resources Alberta Educators – ideas for teachers to expand learning about the 7 Sacred Teachings ● Gaa Zhi Kendimaang-Reflection Sheet	● Gaa Zhi Kendimaang-Reflection Sheet ● Pencil ● Pencil crayons, markers, crayons