



## The Importance of Storytelling

### Organization:

**Title:** The Importance of Storytelling

**Summary:** Teacher is introduced to the importance of storytelling to Indigenous ways of knowing and being and the value of integrating Indigenous Knowledge into STEM teaching and learning.

**Big Idea:** Big Idea A. *Indigenous ways of knowing can be taught through polysynthetic Indigenous languages and storytelling ie: Creation stories, the Thanksgiving Address, 3 Sisters etc.; Responsibilities to land are inherent in language and storytelling.*

**Inquiry Question:** Inquiry Question 1. How is Indigenous knowledge contained in language and storytelling?

**Duration:** 15 min

**Learning Environment:** Classroom, online, outdoor

**Season:** All

### Materials:

- Pgs. (69-71) of The Ways of Knowing Guide (Toronto Zoo) found here: <https://rb.gy/peyho> and in the Importance of Storytelling.pdf
- Indigenous storytelling resource: <https://rb.gy/jo02v>

### Meta Data:

**Content Type:** Activity

**Bundle:** Indigenous Knowledge

**Theme:** Indigenous Knowledge Systems

**Subject Area:** Social Studies, English, Biology, Environmental Education, Science

**Curriculum Focus:** 7-10

- Teachers are introduced to the importance of storytelling by reading pgs. (69-71) of The Ways of Knowing Guide (Toronto Zoo) found here: <https://rb.gy/peyho> and in **The Importance of Storytelling.pdf**. The understanding gained from reading this section will inform the manner in which teachers introduce storytelling to their students.
- Teachers may also wish to check out the following resource to learn more about the significance of storytelling to Indigenous cultures: <https://rb.gy/jo02v>