CULTURAL MOMENT

The Art of Being Métis a documentary... by Mahigan

Mahigan (AKA Marcel Labelle), a Wellington North resident, is proud of his Métis

Heritage. He builds traditional Birch Bark Canoes and demonstrates his craft at many venues. Marcel is sharing what his Elders and Teachers shared with him and does this in part by presenting at schools and Aboriginal festivals. He has been at the Smithsonian Institute of the American Indian, in New York as well as the keynote speaker at many Aboriginal symposiums and forums. Marcel has been featured at the Canadian Aboriginal Festival, Planet IndigenUs at Harbourfront in Toronto and the Universities of Toronto and Guelph. As time permits Marcel teaches "Living on the Land" at Trent University.

This poster promotes Marcel Labelle's latest initiative, with The Indigenous People Project partners, a collection of indigenous stories in print, DVD, E-Book, curricula, activity workshops, and live discussions and experiences, targeted to teaching Indigenous awareness, sensitivities, and recognizing and dealing with the concept of integrating a student's background and culture within a classroom setting.

The collection of materials is ideal for all grades, including guides and materials to help teacher's present indigenous materials in an affirming manner while keeping the ministry guidelines in mind. They are working with school boards to deliver materials that are of interest to the region and the interests of the students and teachers.

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