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Integrative Science and Two-Eyed Seeing: Walking & Talking Together

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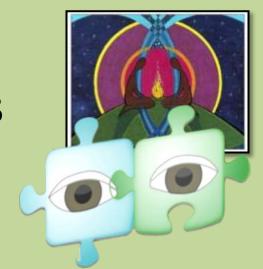
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Walking & Talking Together

Outline of Presentation

- Introduction: Integrative Science & TES
- Seven Lessons Learned
 - 1. Acknowledge we need each other:
 - Co-Learning Journey
 - 2. Adopt a Guiding Principle:
 - Two-Eyed Seeing (TES)
 - 3. View "science" inclusive of two (or more) worldviews
 - 4. Grow forward: together, we heal
 - 5. Put our actions, values, and knowledges "out in front"
 - enter "ethical space" (sensu Willie Ermine)
 - 6. Use visuals
 - 7. Weave back and forth between our worldviews





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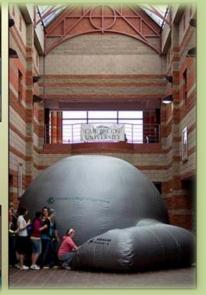
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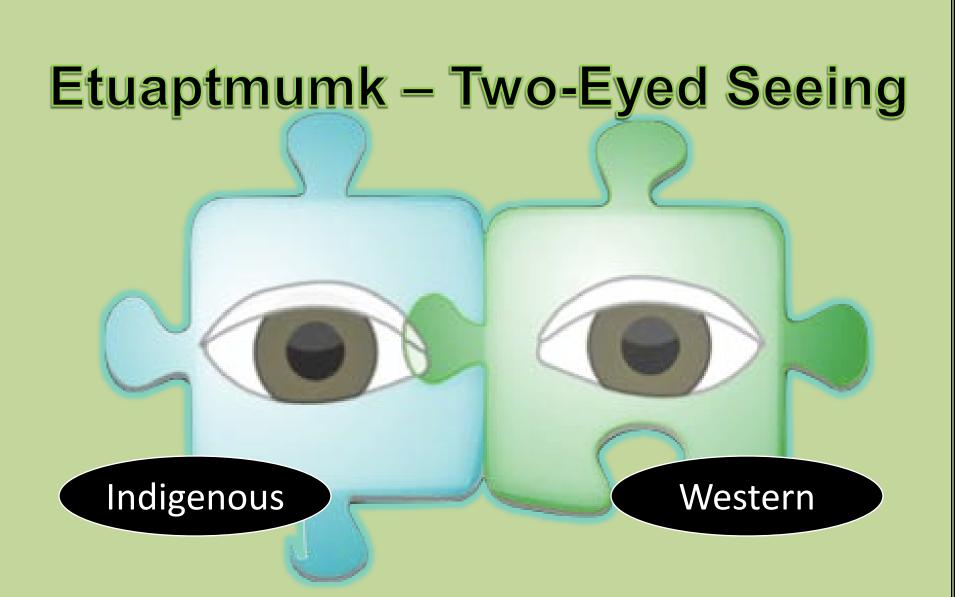


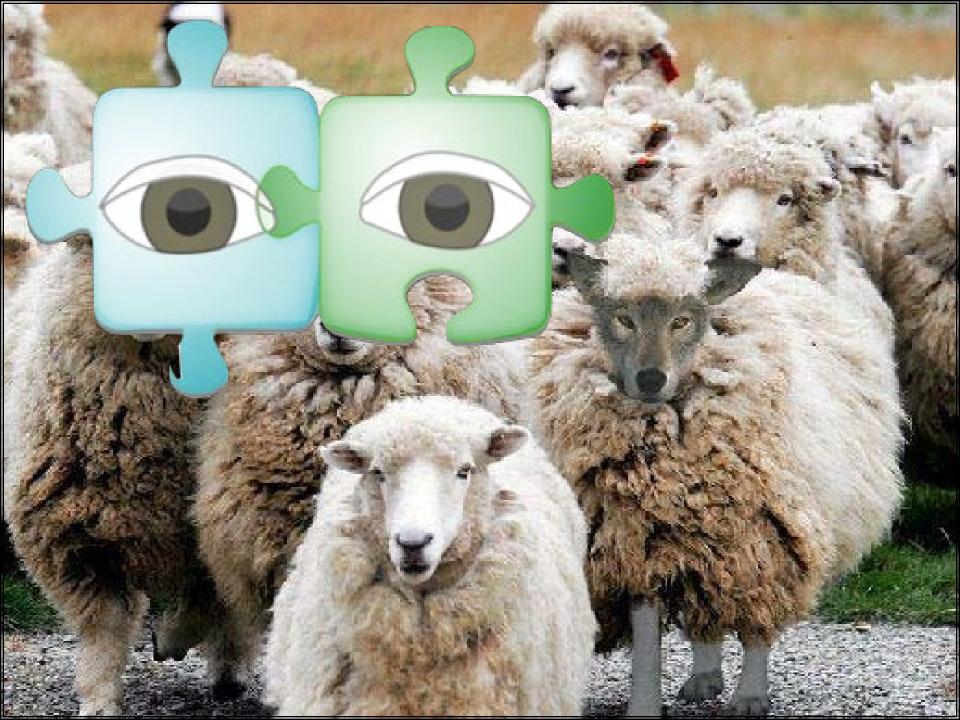
Mi'kmaq Elders & Students & Research Team













Is this all just philosophy?

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Two-Eyed Seeing is not going to be salvation but rather through these things termed "philosophy" ...



... and, if only we would spend a few moments to determine if there are possibilities for change ... to hear the stories from cultures other than our own.



Traditional Knowledge was never meant to be static and stay in the past ... but rather we must bring it into the present ... so that everything becomes meaningful in our lives and communities.

(Elder Murdena Marshall)







LESSONS LEARNED

7

over 15+ years







LESSONS LEARNED

#1

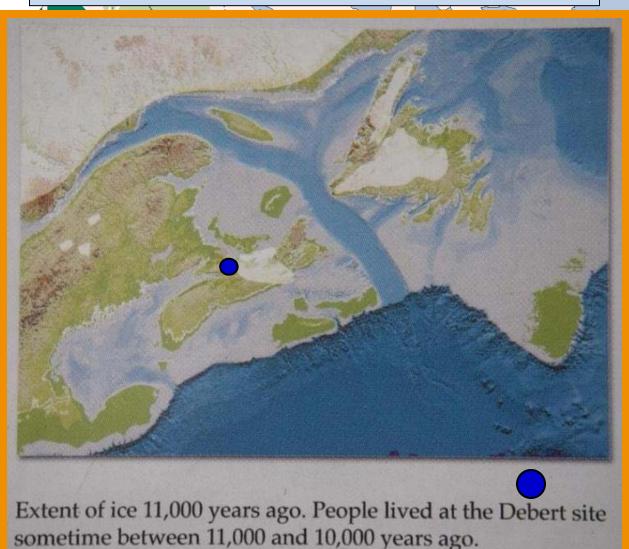
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co-learning journey

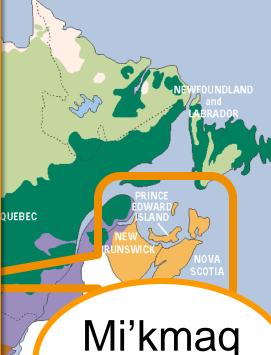


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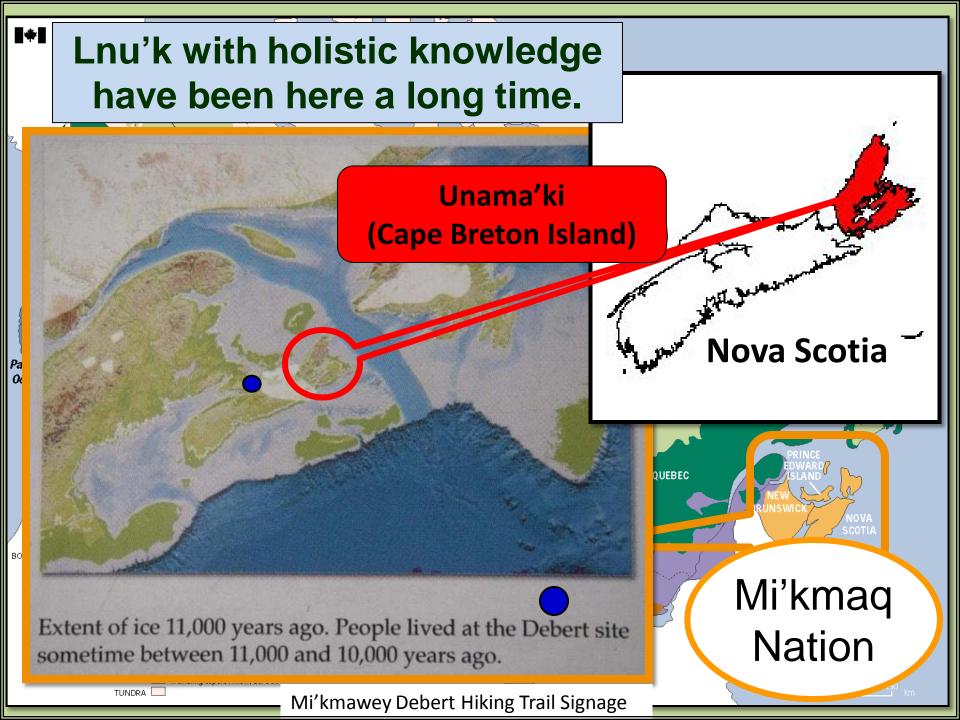
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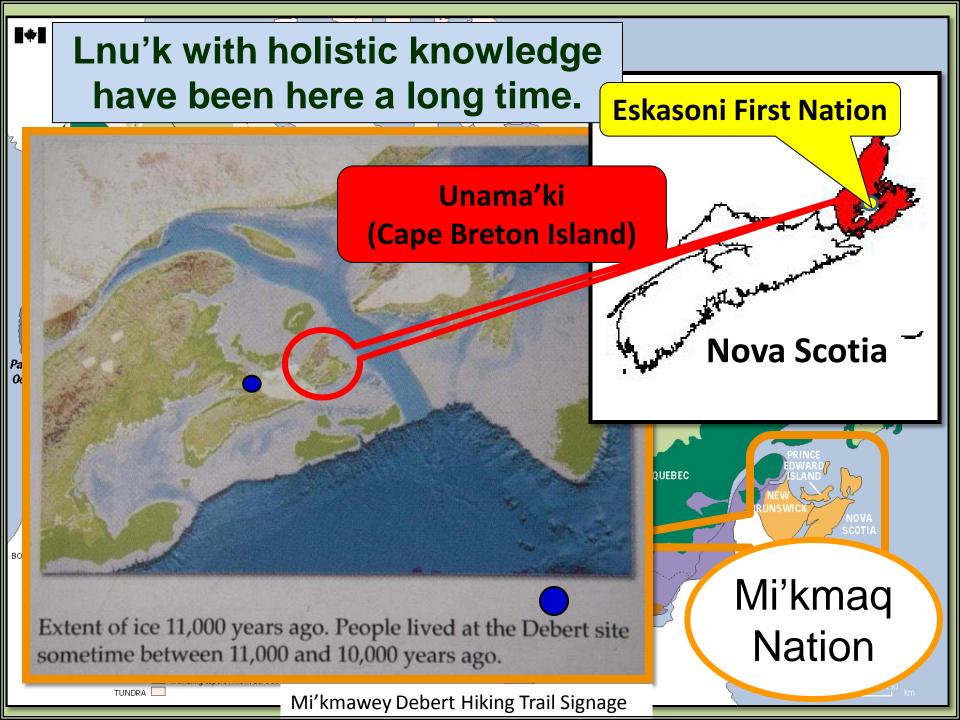


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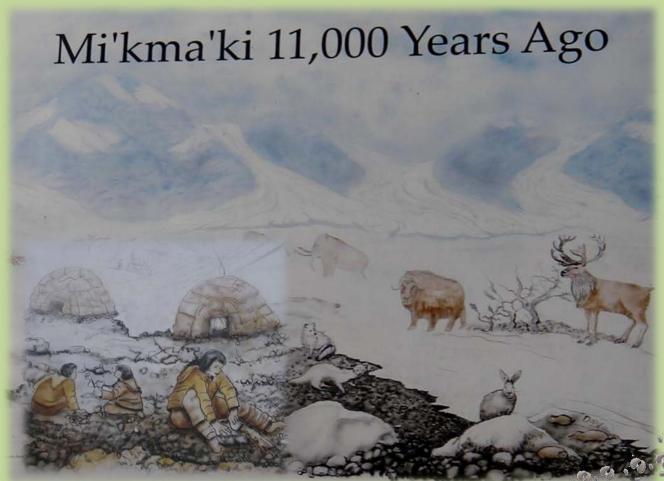
Mi'kmawey Debert Hiking Trail Signage





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Artwork by Dozay Christmas; Mi'kmawey Debert Hiking Trail Signage

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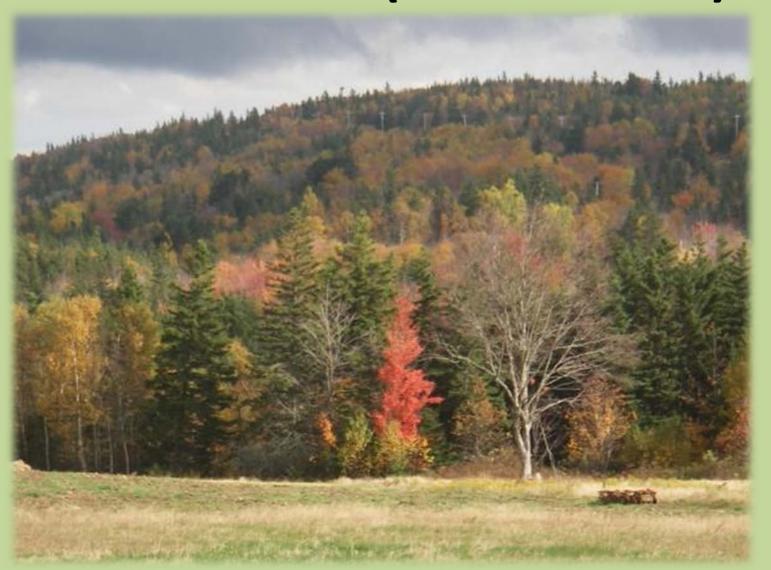


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Mi'kmaq Elder Murdena Marshall, Eskasoni First Nation



Ta'ntelo'lti'k (how we are)

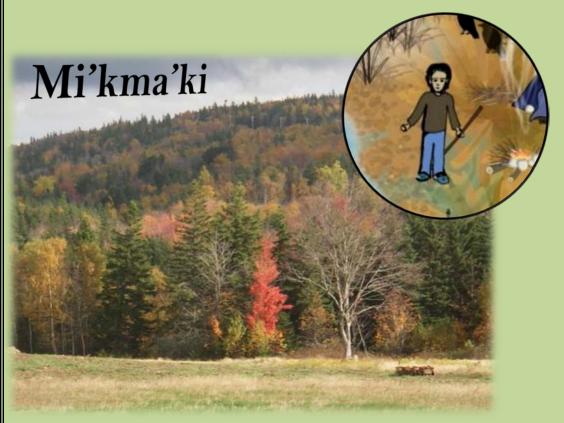


Native American Prophecy

Only when the last tree has been cut down; Only when the last river has been poisoned; Only when the last fish has been caught; Only then will you find that money cannot be eaten.



Nature has rights. Humans have responsibilities.



We must use all the skills that we have to preserve and protect our Natural World.

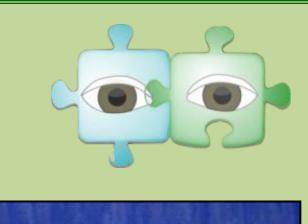
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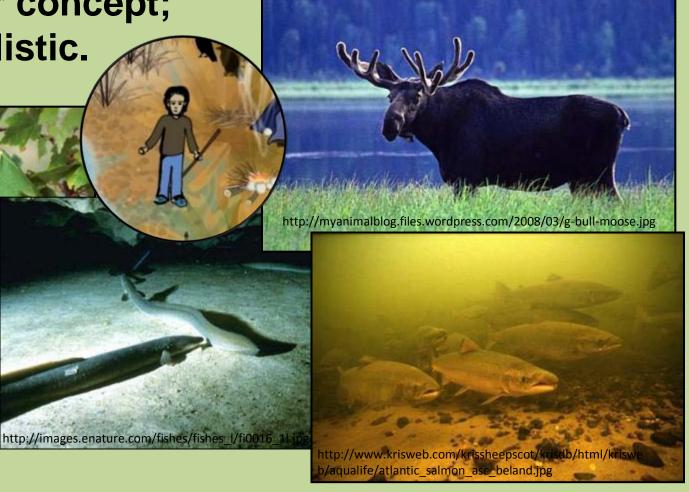
"sustaining ourselves"

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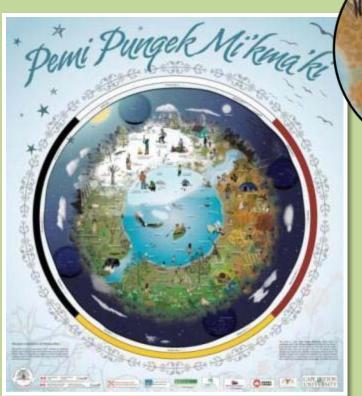




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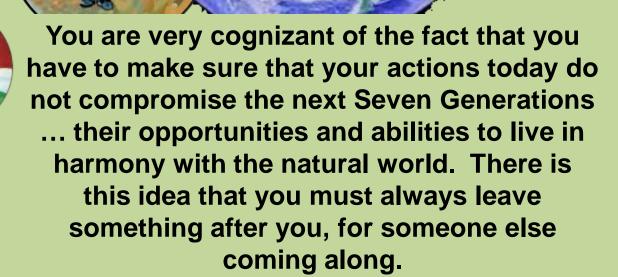


... takes you into a place where you are very conscious of how the human two-leggeds are interdependent and interconnective with the natural world ... this philosophy / ideology is so ingrained in your subconscious that you are constantly aware of not creating an imbalance ...

Netukulimk

Your consciousness is constantly being challenged with the physical part of you and the Guiding Principle is the spirit which creates in you this sense of balance which stops you from overharvesting

or exploitation.



"Co-Learning" ... our way of working collaboratively

Three Basic Ways*

that transdisciplinary research teams organize their collaboration in order to reach integration:

- 1. deliberation among experts
- 2. work by subgroup or individual
- 3. common group learning 🛑

"Co-Learning"

* Pohl, C., Kerkhoff, L., Hadorn, G.H., Bammer, G. 2008. Integration. *In: Hadorn, G.H., Hoffman-*Riem, H., Biber-Klemm, S., Grossenbacher-Mansuy, W., Joye, D., Phol, C., Wiesmann, U., and Zemp, E. (eds), Handbook of Transdisciplinary Research. (pp. 411-424). *Heidelberg, Germany: Springer.*



"Co-Learning" pioneered within Integrative Science research program at Cape Breton University in conjunction with Mi'kmaq Elders and educators ... our approach continues to evolve.

OUR APPROACH:

• participatory, action, and praxis-based research: within projects ... teach ourselves how ... use meaningful context

- side by side: Traditional Knowledge and mainstream knowledge
- **integrative**: respectful acknowledgement of distinct nature of each knowledge system (content <u>not</u> "merged")
- knowledge systems: "big picture" understandings for ontologies, epistemologies, axiologies, and methodologies
- appreciative: recognize strengths in both knowledge systems
- knowledge holders: recognize it is human-to-human dialogue

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Why say: "continues to evolve"?

ONE REASON: Newhouse (2004) indicates the work of grappling with each other's cognitive universes and learning to see through the minds of others is the work of generations to come.

Newhouse, D. 2004. Indigenous knowledge in a multicultural world. *Native Studies Review 15(2): 139-154.*



Co-Learning Journey A shared understanding of how to talk together This visual is based on the Medicine Wheel (or Circle of Learning) Each participant gains some which is a commonly used Aboriginal teaching tool. The visual shows new understandings of that within the discussion, all have a role to play. Each person has an Mother Earth and her lessons opportunity to speak, to share, to teach, and to learn. for humans about health, healing and wholeness based on sharing, listening, and discussing. Elders & Special Guests Elders and special quests share their perspectives based on Traditional Aboriginal Knowledge, the Mi'kmag worldview, and Western University Researchers & Students **Understandings** University researchers Co-Learner Key concepts are from Eastern Canada introduced with visual and senior Mi'kmag icons and verbal Integrative Science explanations by first-year students share their Mi'kmag students from perspectives based on the Integrative Science Western, Aboriginal or program, a CBU science Integrative perspectives. degree that brings together Aboriginal understandinas. Community Representatives Individuals from Mi'kmaq communities in Cape Breton share their understandings of the concepts introduced

Two-Eyed Seeing



RESEARCH

- integrative
- community-based
 - participatory
 - action
 - appreciative

methodologies

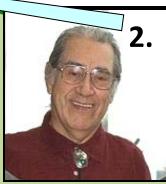
LESSONS LEARNED

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Two-Eyed Seeing

ACKNOWLEDGE WE NEED EACH OTHER ...

co-learning journey

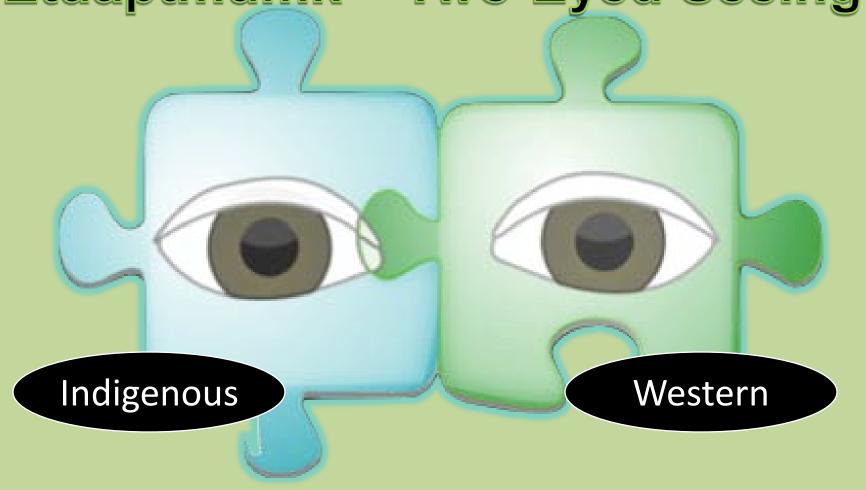




Albert Marshall, Elder, Mi'kmaq Nation

understanding this Guiding Principle





Two-Eyed Seeing

Hard to convey as does not fit into any particular subject area or discipline ... is about life ... what you do, what kind of responsibilities you have ... is a Guiding Principle for how one lives while on Earth that covers all aspects of our lives: social, economic, environmental, etc.

Advantage:

Because you are always fine tuning your mind into different places at once, you are always looking for

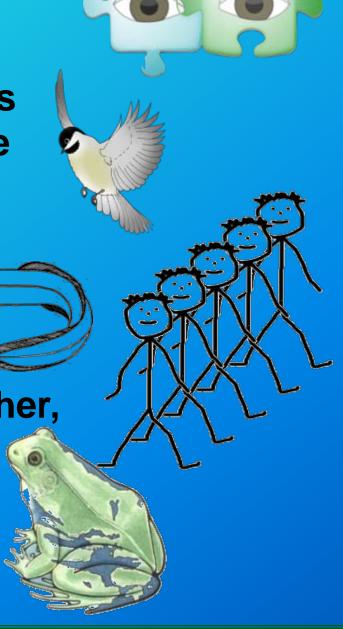
another perspective



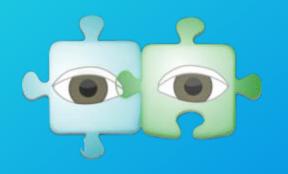
Two-Eyed Seeing

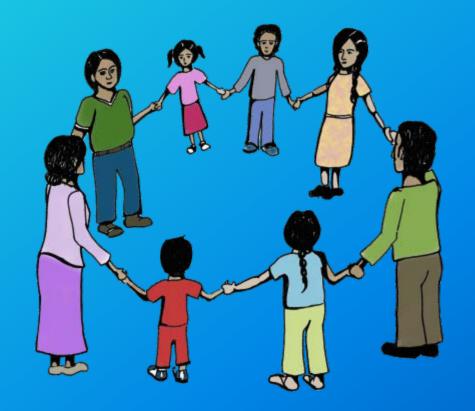
LEARN ... to see from one eye with the best in our Indigenous ways of knowing, and from the other eye with the best in the Western (or mainstream) ways of knowing ...

... and learn to use both these eyes together, for the benefit of all.

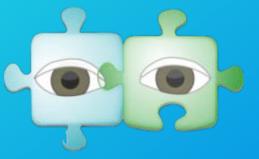


It is not enough to go through life with one perspective; we must embrace all the tools we have ...





Consciousness of Knowing ©



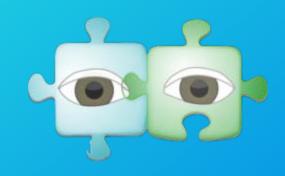


artist Basma Kavanagh

... our interdependence on each other and on Mother Earth

'Two-Eyed Seeing' so that knowledge of the physical is not separated from wisdom of the spiritual.

Our language teaches us that everything alive is both physical and spiritual.



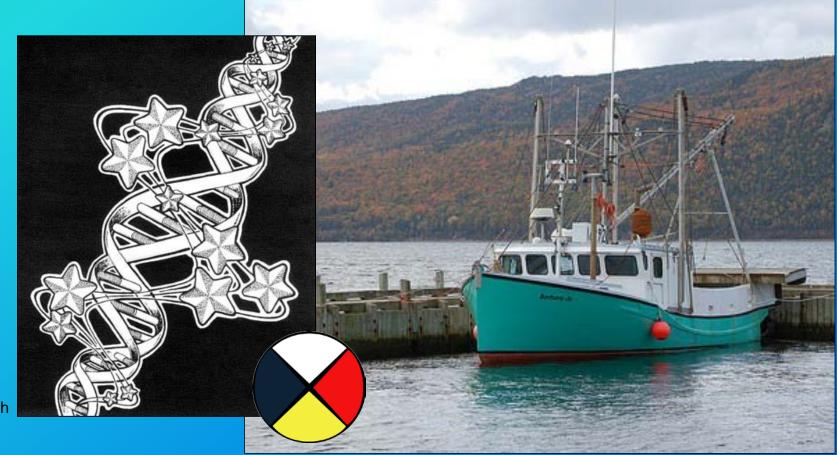
The onus is on the person to look at our natural world with two perspectives.

Modern science sees objects, but our language teaches us to see subjects.

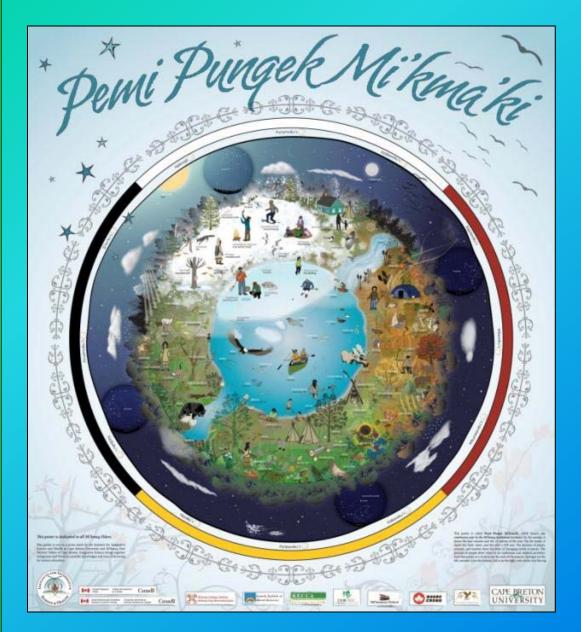


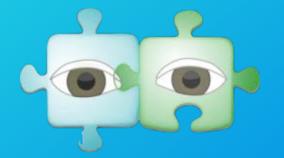
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If rates of pollution exceed the natural cleansing capacity of our ecosystems ...



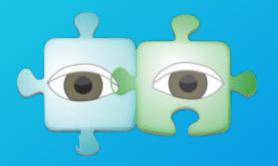
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If rates of consumption of resources exceed the carrying capacity of our ecosystems ...



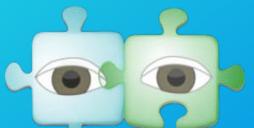


Extinction of any species is forever.

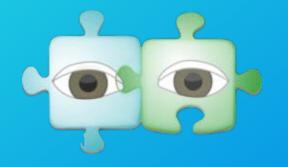
Everything that we do to our natural world ...

... we also do to ourselves





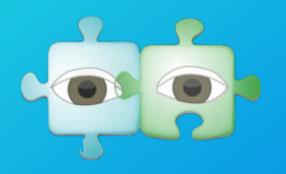






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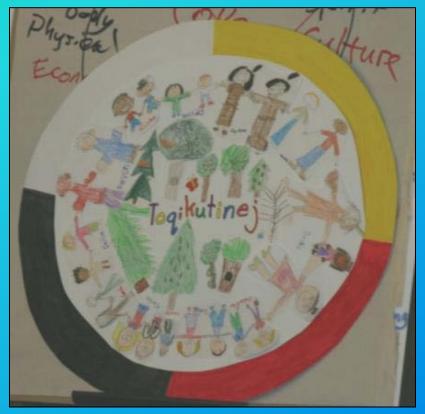
Our seasons follow the cycles of **Mother Earth** ...





... so that our children will always be reminded of the beauty of creation, and of our dependence on her.

Education to our young has to be reflective of how to maintain balance and harmony with our natural world.

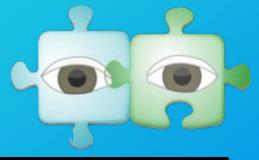








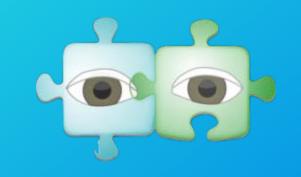
We must, through example, inspire our students to be critical in their thinking.







Knowledge is not a tool but rather it is a spirit.



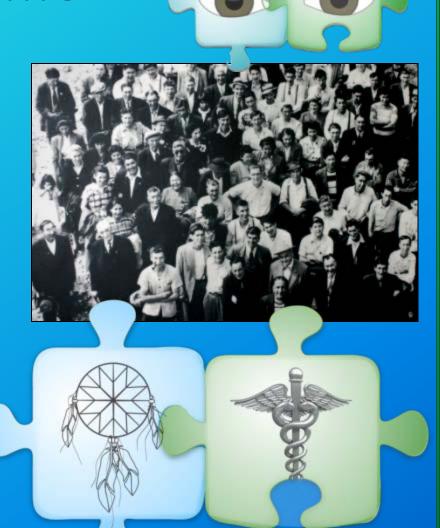
It transforms the holder. It also reminds us that we have responsibilities to the spirit of that knowledge.

We must pass it on.

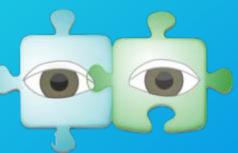


As Elders in Our Time

We seek to be a conduit for wisdom of our Ancestors. We seek to see with "Two-Eyes" ... to take the accomplishments of the white man's ways further by blending it with the wisdom of our Ancestors.



Only humans have these two consciousnesses ...





LESSONS LEARNED

#3

ACKNOWLEDGE

WE NEED

EACH OTHER ...

corlearning journey

Science?

view "SCIENCE" inclusively

Indigenous and Western scientific knowledges are based in observations of the natural world.





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stories of our interactions
with and within nature
... stories created and understood
using our diverse
pattern smarts

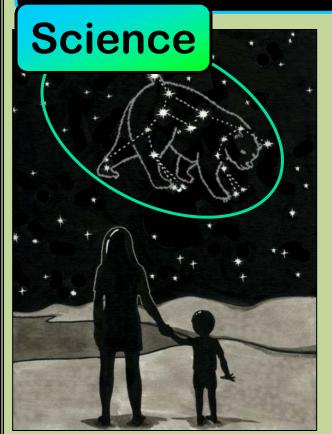
Science is dynamic, pattern-based knowledge.





stories of our interactions with and within nature

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pattern

- recognition
- transformation
 - expression



- various pattern smarts
- various ways to connect the dots
- variety in our stories



"See, in the Mi'kmaq world, in all Native worlds, you have to give recognition to everything: misdeeds, good deeds, past deeds, you know? Anything. You have to give that acknowledgement. Everything that you do, you have to acknowledge it."

put our *values + actions +* **5.** *knowledges* in front of us ...

like an object

Murdena Marshall, Elder, Mi'kmaq Nation

Together We Heal & Grow

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I Got It From an Elder



Conversations

in Healing

Language

put our *values + actions + knowledges* in front of us ... like an object

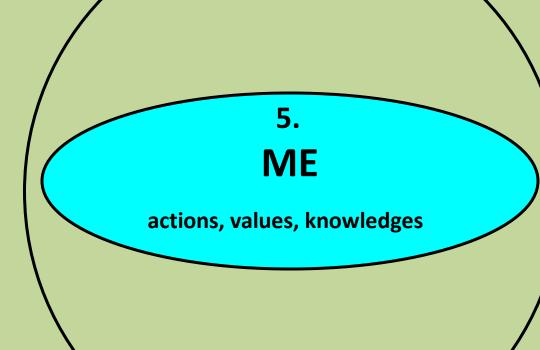
Iwama et al. 2007; Gaspereau Press Limited

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Together We Heal & Grow

the "HEALING TENSE"



Murdena Marshall, Elder, Mi'kmaq Nation

Together We Heal & Grow



"together we heal & grow"



actions, values, knowledges

Murdena Marshall, Elder, Mi'kmaq Nation

Together We Heal & Grow





#5

ACKNOWLEDGE

WE NEED

EACH OTHER ...

co-learning journey

DO ... in a CREATIVE,

4. GROW FORWARD

WAY

view "SCIENCE" inclusively

put our *values + actions +* **5.** *knowledges* in front of us ...
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LESSONS LEARNED

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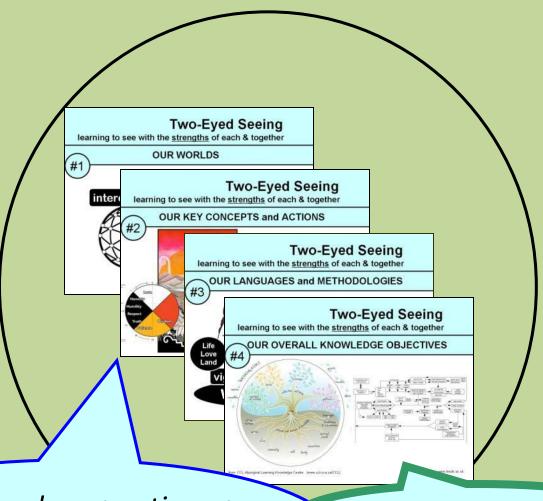
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put our *values + actions +* **5.** *knowledges* in front of us ...
like an object

6. use VISUALS



put our *values + actions +* **5.** *knowledges* in front of us ...
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Fundamental question of cultural encounters is:

"How can we reconcile worldviews?"

He suggests implementation of ethical space in which we make "a venue to step out of our allegiances, to detach from the cages of our mental worlds and assume a position where human-to-human dialogue can occur."

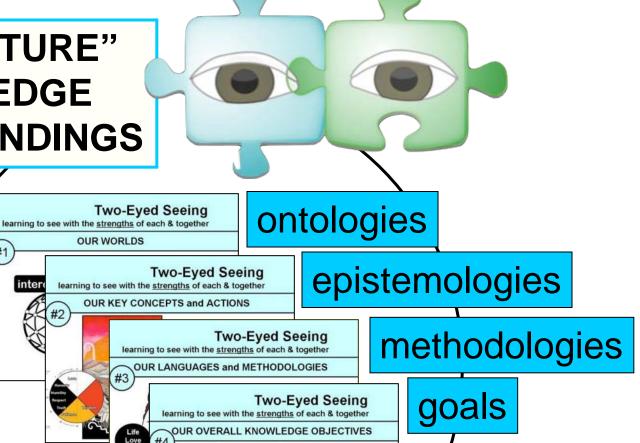
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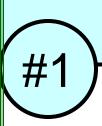
OUR WORLDS



put our values + actions + knowledges in front of us ... like an object

use VISUALS

Two-Eyed Seeing learning to see with the strengths of each & together

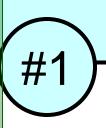


OUR WORLDS

BIG QUESTION

What do we believe the world or cosmos to be? (ontology)

learning to see with the strengths of each & together



OUR WORLDS

BIG UNDERSTANDING ... IN WORDS

interconnective

beings ... interconnective and animate:

spirit + energy + matter

CONSTANT CHANGE
within balance and wholeness

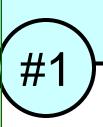
parts & wholes

objects ...
comprised of parts and
wholes characterized by
systems and emergences:

energy + matter

EVOLUTION

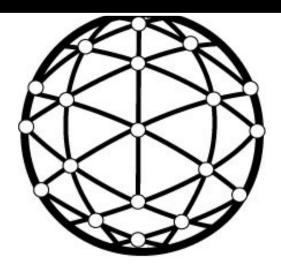
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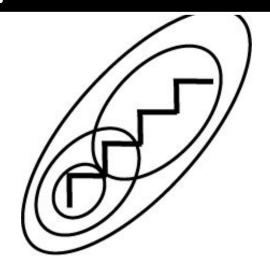
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CONSTANT CHANGE within balance and wholeness

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EVOLUTION



OUR KEY CONCEPTS and ACTIONS

BIG QUESTION

What do we value as "ways of coming to know" the cosmos? (epistemology)

learning to see with the strengths of each & together

OUR KEY CONCEPTS and ACTIONS

#2

BIG UNDERSTANDING ... IN WORDS

- respect
- relationship
- reverence
- reciprocity
- ritual (ceremony)
- repetition
- responsibility

- hypothesis(making & testing)
- data collection
- data analysis
- model & theory construction

learning to see with the strengths of each & together

OUR KEY CONCEPTS and ACTIONS

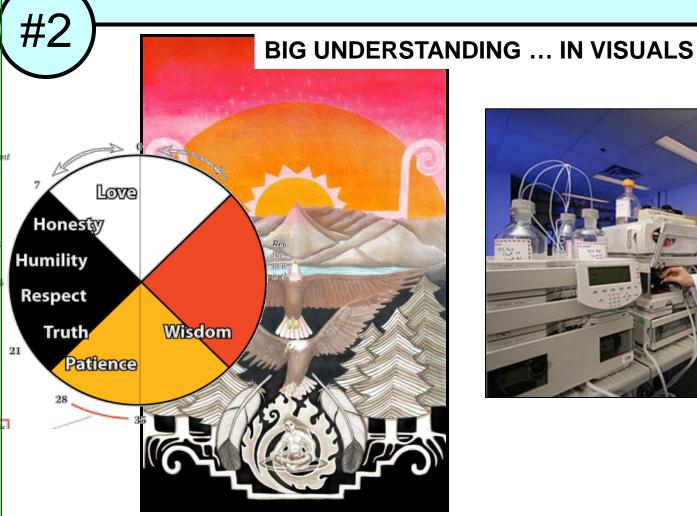




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Two-Eyed Seeing learning to see with the strengths of each & together

OUR LANGUAGES and METHODOLOGIES

BIG QUESTION

What can remind us of the complexity within our ways of knowing?

learning to see with the strengths of each & together

OUR LANGUAGES and METHODOLOGIES

BIG UNDERSTANDING ... IN WORDS

weaving of patterns within nature's patterns via creative relationships and reciprocities among love, land, and life (vigour) that are constantly reinforced and nourished by Aboriginal languages

un-weaving of nature's patterns (especially via analytic logic and the use of instruments) to cognitively reconstruct them, especially using mathematical language (rigour) and computer models

Two-Eyed Seeing learning to see with the strengths of each & together

OUR LANGUAGES and METHODOLOGIES

#3

BIG UNDERSTANDING ... IN WORDS

Life Love Land

vigour

rigour

WEAVING

UN-WEAVING

learning to see with the strengths of each & together

OUR LANGUAGES and METHODOLOGIES

BIG UNDERSTANDING ... IN VISUALS



#3



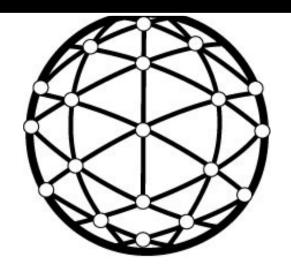
UN-WEAVING

learning to see with the strengths of each & together

OUR WORLD VIEWS

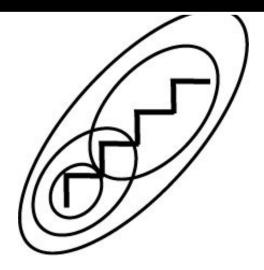
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CONSTANT CHANGE within balance and wholeness

parts & wholes



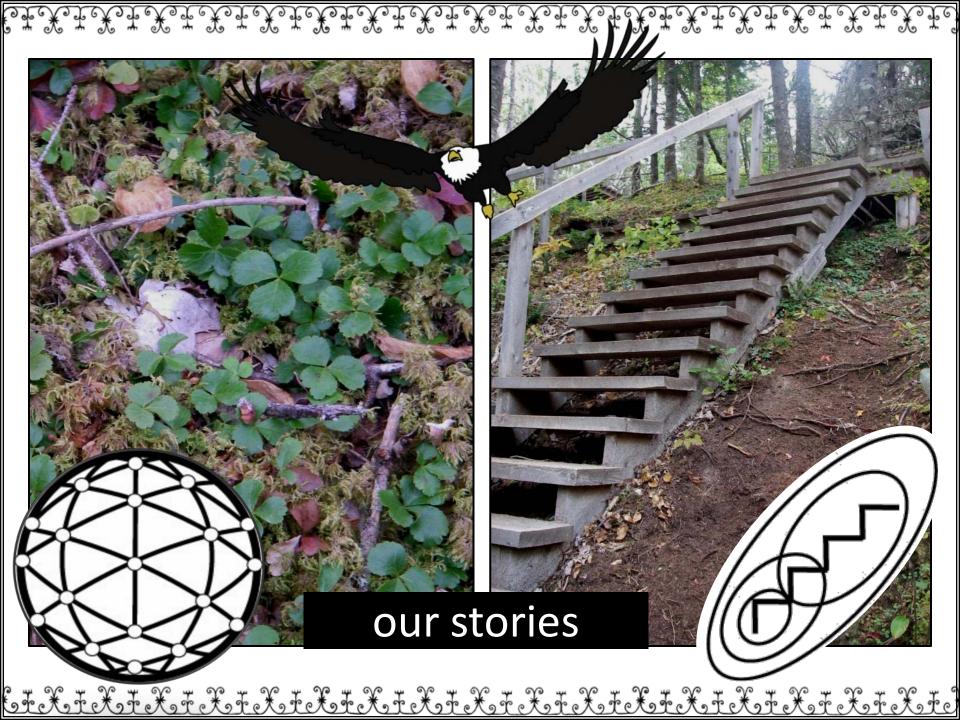
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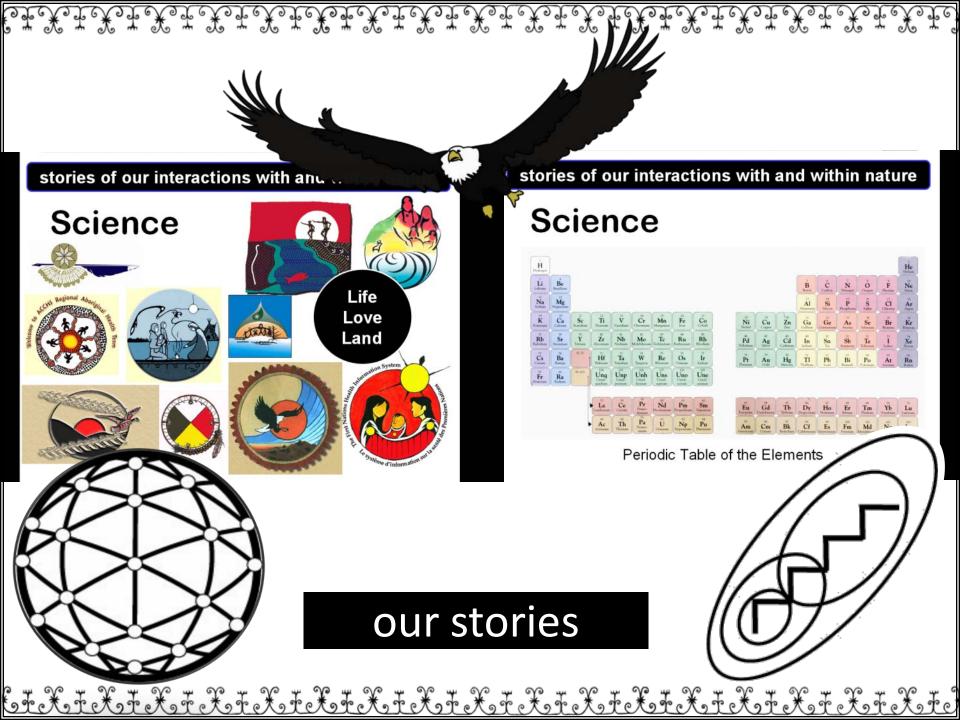


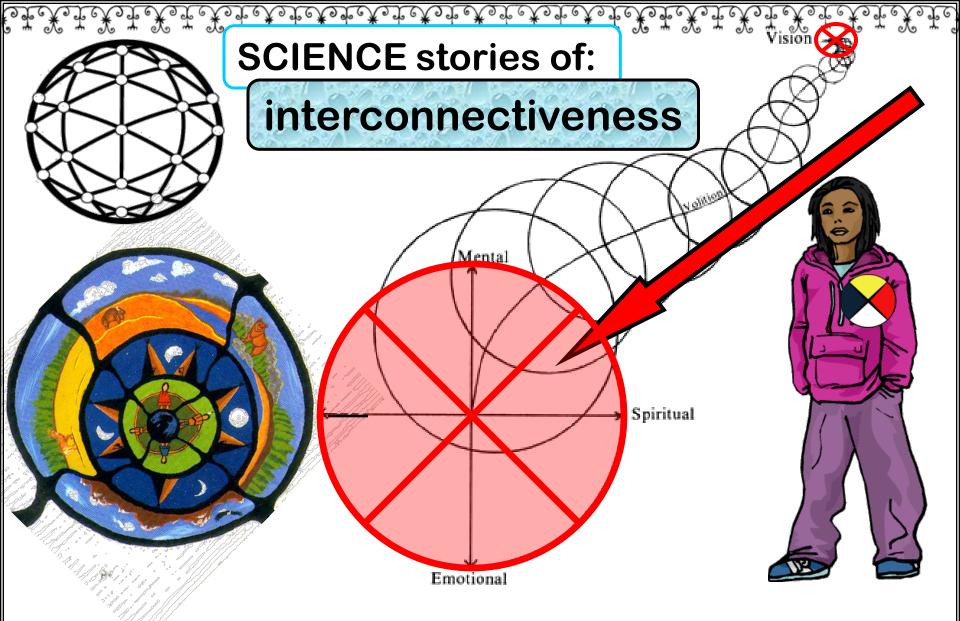
The foundational basis for any relationship is an exchange of stories.

(Mi'kmaq Elder Albert Marshall)

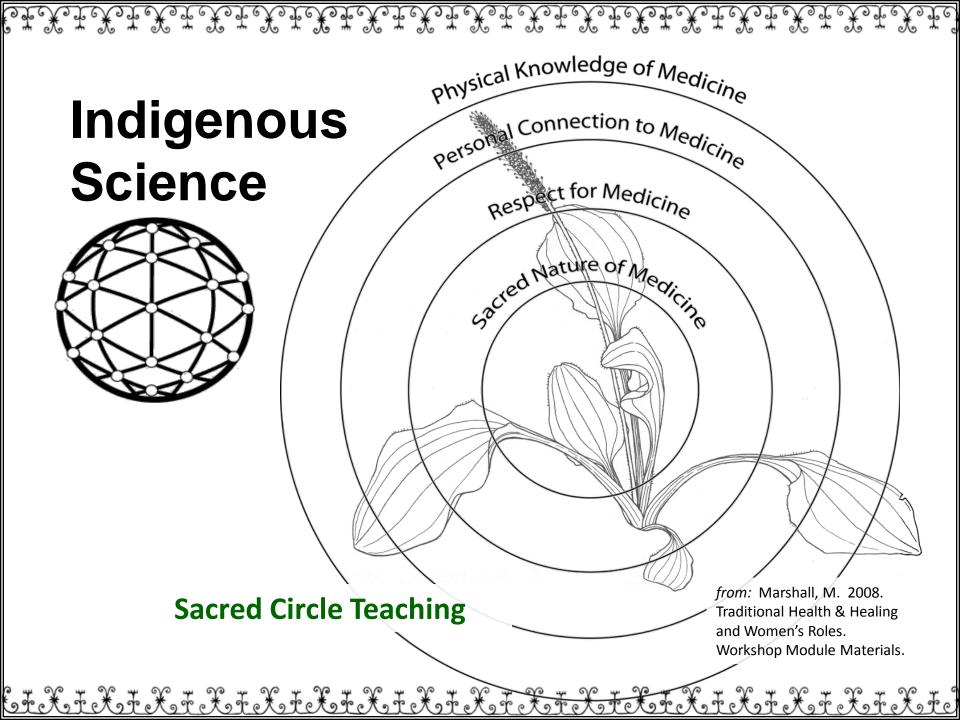




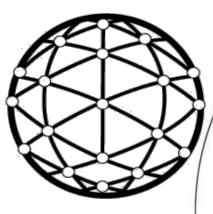




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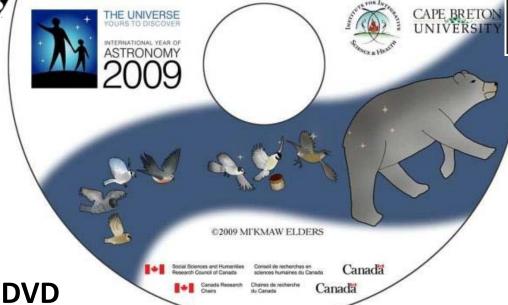


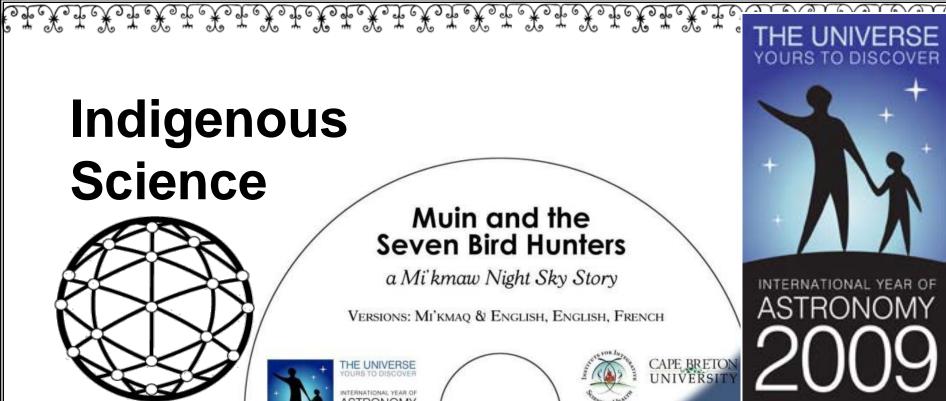


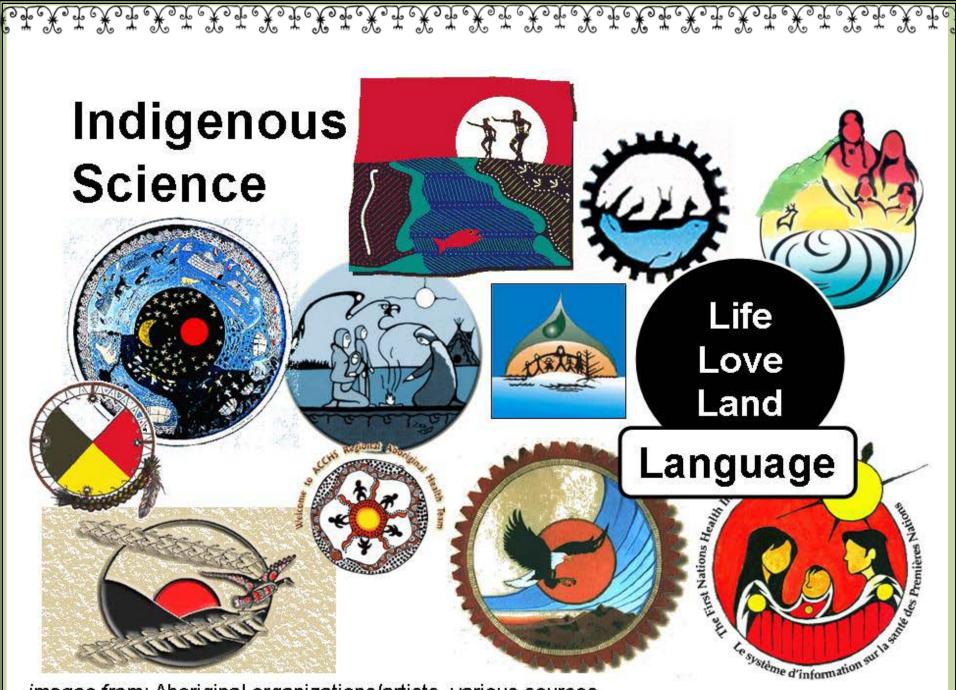
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a Mi'kmaw Night Sky Story

VERSIONS: MI'KMAQ & ENGLISH, ENGLISH, FRENCH



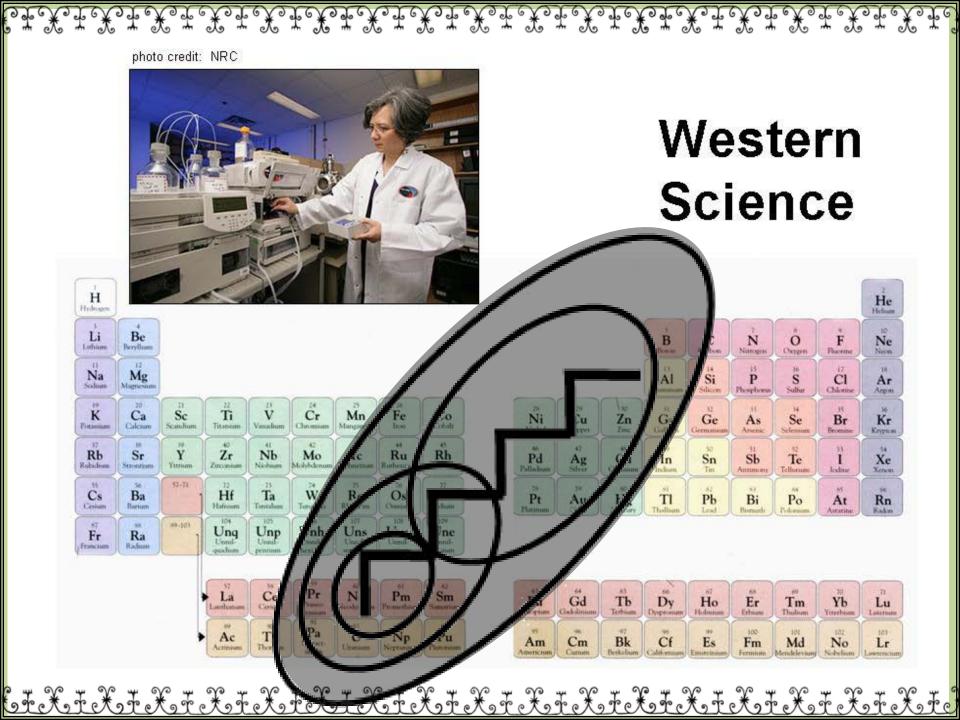




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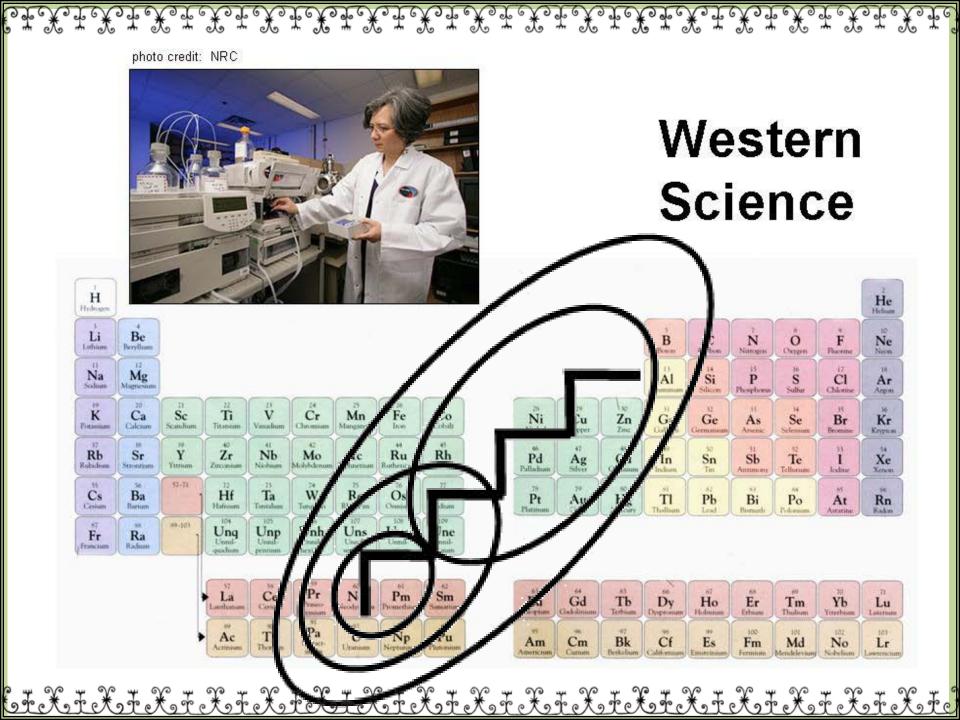
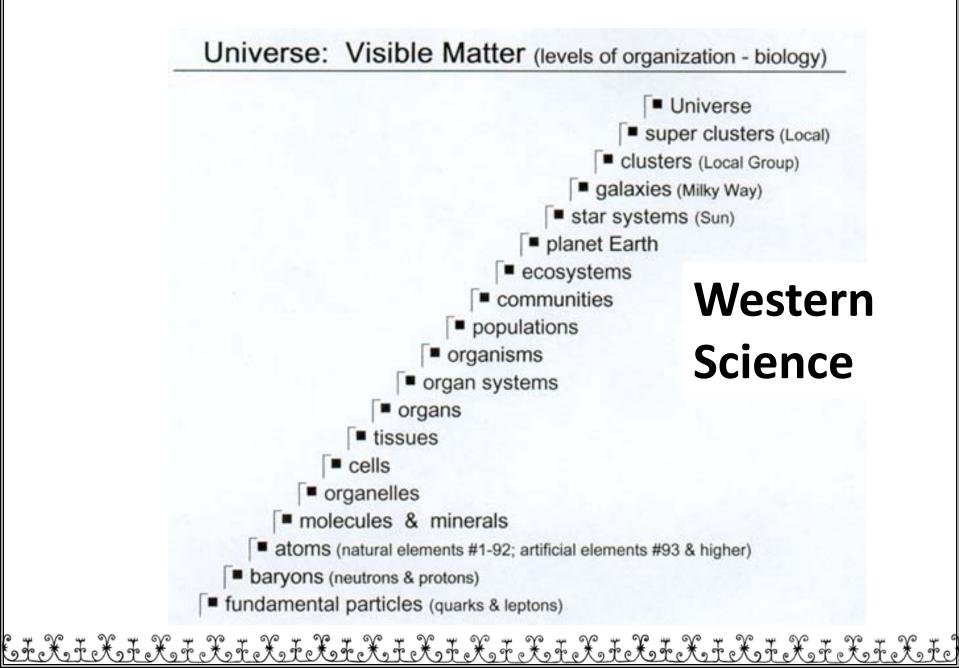


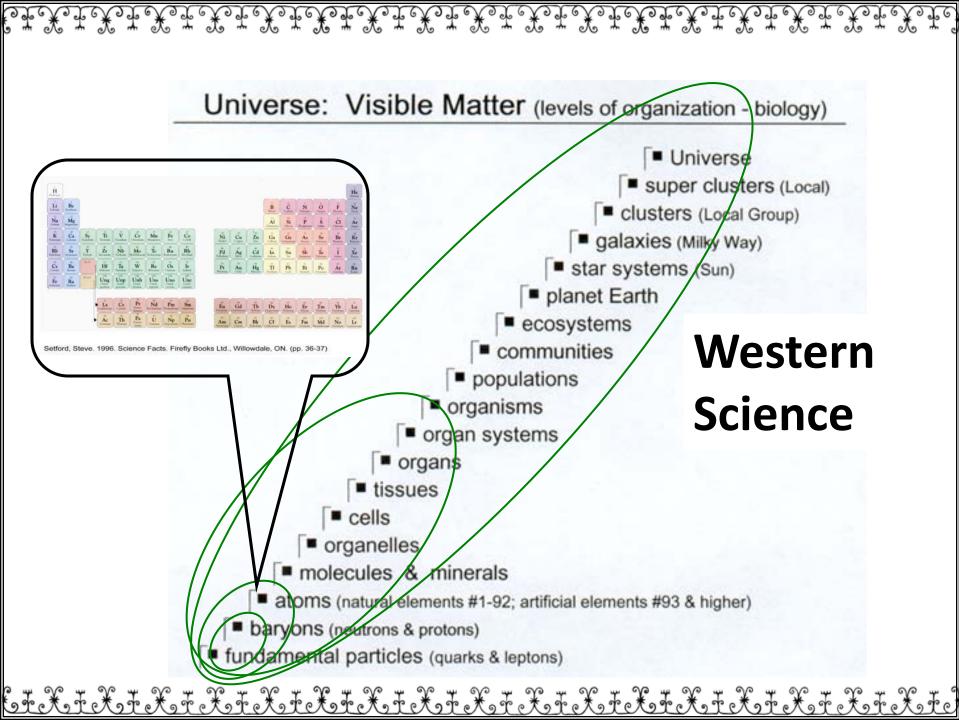
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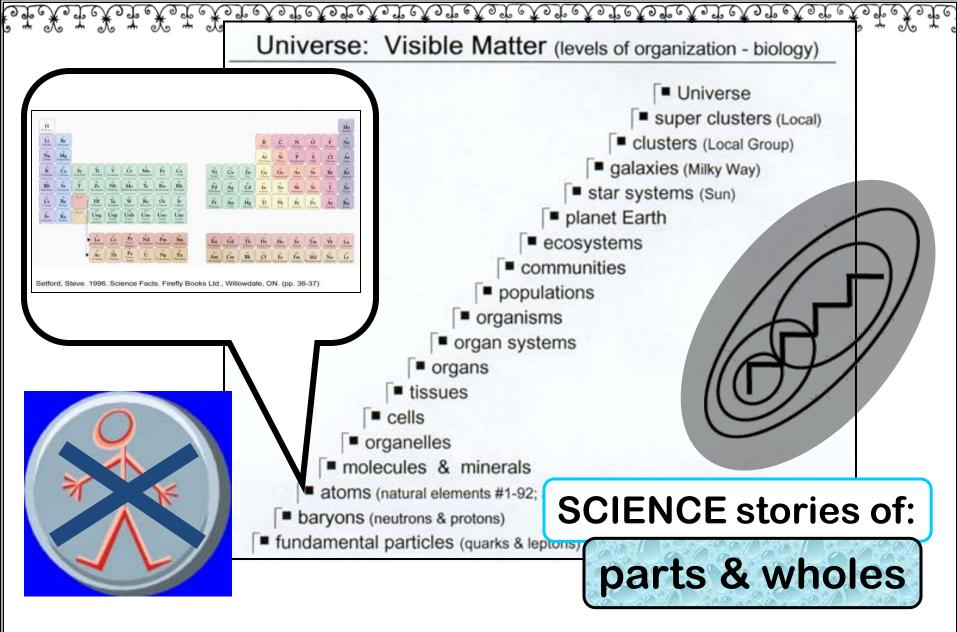


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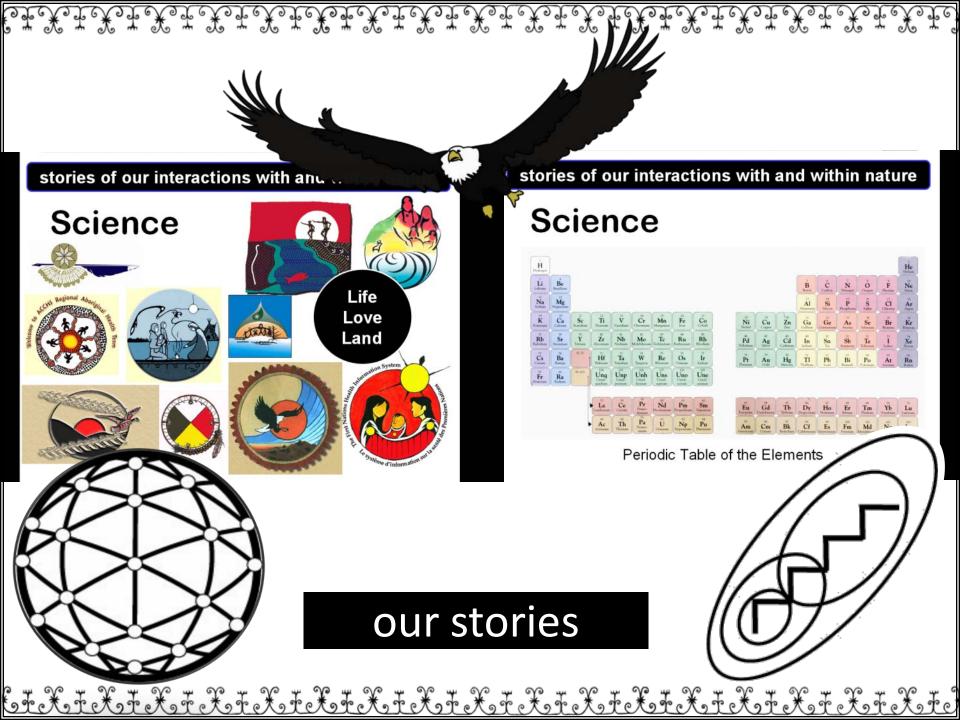


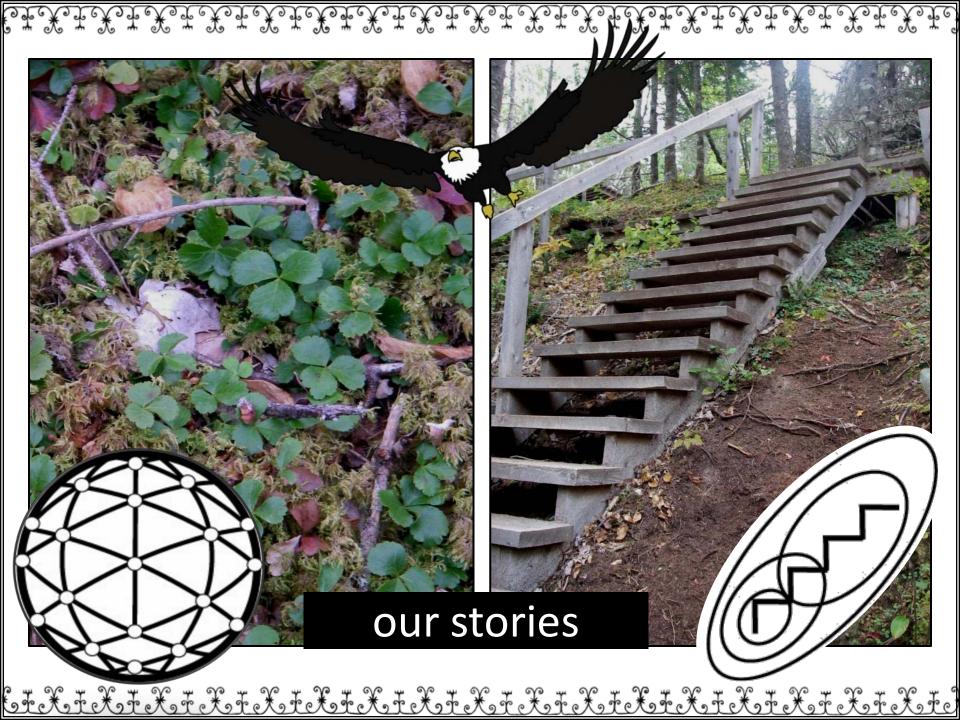






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BIG QUESTION

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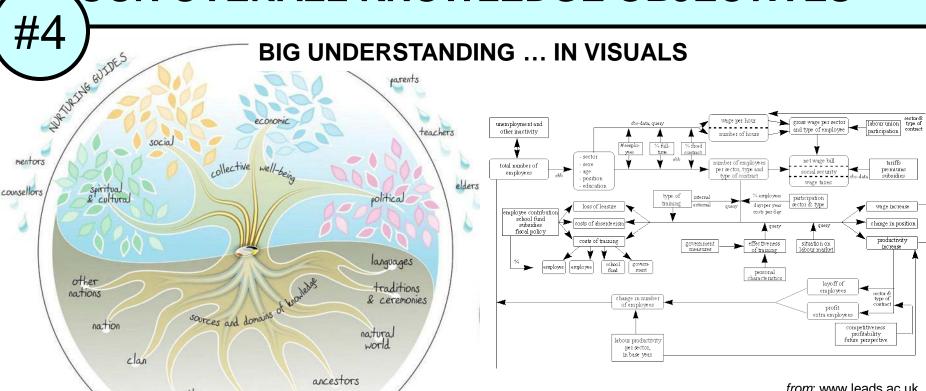
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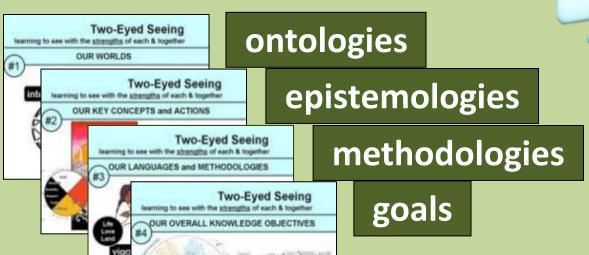
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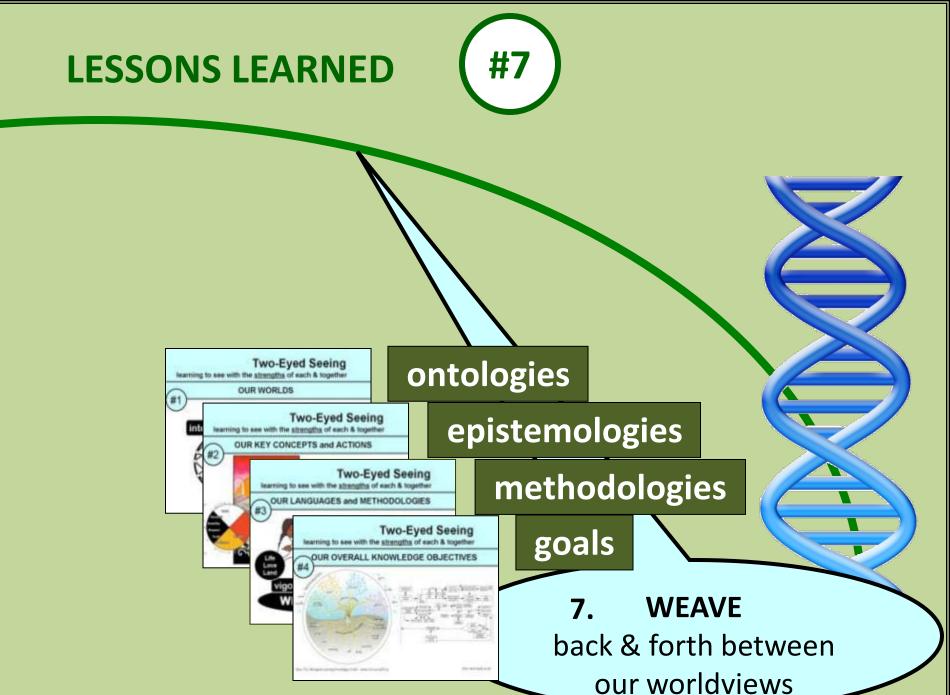
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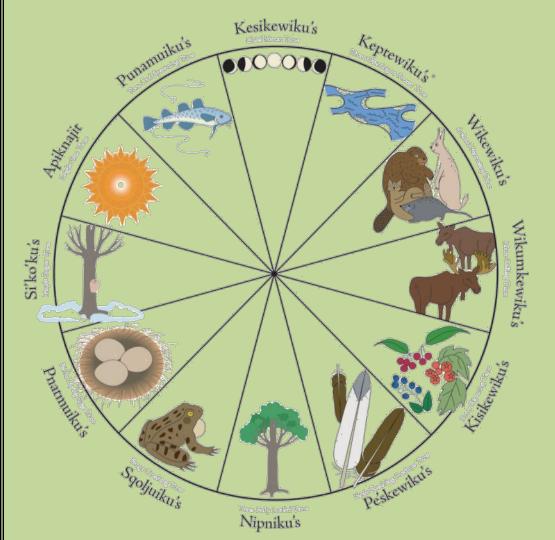
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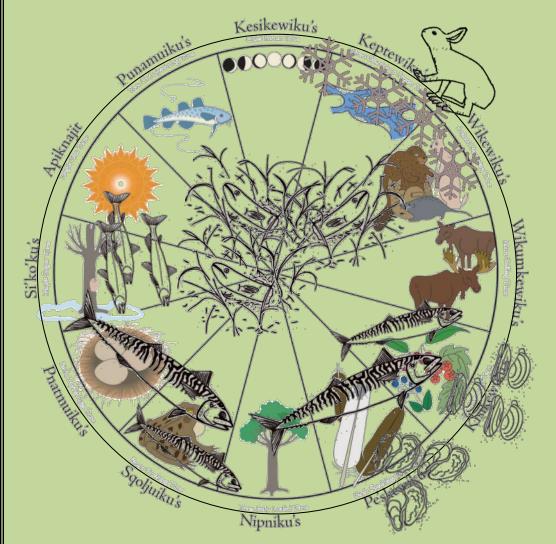
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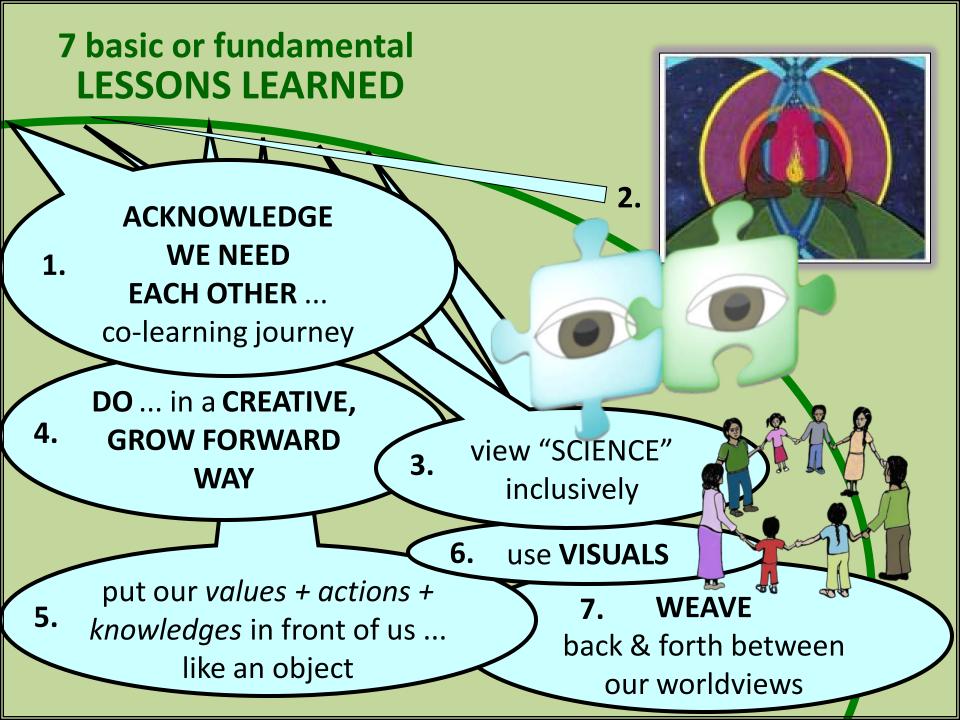
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As Elders in Our Time

We seek to be a conduit for wisdom of our Ancestors.

We seek to see with "Two-Eyes" ... to take the accomplishments of the white man's ways further by blending it with the wisdom of our Ancestors.









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Subject: Cultural Awareness training / SARA ATK session - 2.5 day

Location: 2nd Floor boardrooms, 401 Burrard

Start: Mon 01/03/2010 8:30 AM **End:** Wed 03/03/2010 12:00 PM

Day 1 - "Working Effectively With Aboriginal Peoples" (8:30 - 4:00 Boardroom D, 2nd Floor RHQ)

An experienced trainer from Indigenous Corporate Training will come and deliver the full day training session. Although not mentioned in the attached docment, I have requested that SARA-specific information be incorporated into the session.



Agenda and Purpose of the Cult...

Day 2 - DFO-SARA ATK session (9:00 - 3:30 Boardroom C, 2nd Floor RHQ)

The morning will include presentations on "Integrative Science" and the "Two-Eyed Seeing" by Dr. Cheryl Bartlett and Mik'mag Elder Albert Marshall from the Integrative Science program at Cape Breton University.

Dr. Cheryl Barlett holds the Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Integrative Science for the concept pioneered at CBU by which Aboriginal and Western worldviews in science and eduation are brought together for the benefit of all people. "Integrative Science introduces Aboriginal understandings of nature into the post-secondary science curriculum, and it recognizes the differences and common ground between both views".

Integrative Science brings together scientific knowledges and ways of knowing from Indigenous and Western world views to provide science education. This "bringing knowledges together" is known as Toqwa'tu'kl Kjijitaqnn in the Mi'kmaq language and as "Two-Eyed Seeing" in the words of Mi'kmaq Elder Albert Marshall. "Two-Eyed Seeing" is more than a label ... it is a powerful reminder of the Integrative Science program's visionary goal of learning to see from our one eye with the strengths of Indigenous knowledges and from our other eye with the strengths of mainstream scientific knowledges...and to use these together for the benefit of all.

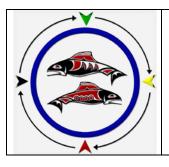


Melinda Lontoc-Roy (DFO-NCR, Aboriginal Policy & Governance) will provide an update on the development of the "DFO-SARA ATK Guidance" document that was introduced to us last summer. The remainder of the afternoon will be spent looking at specific sections of the document and providing our comments and input. The draft changes daily, so I'm sure this isn't the most up-to-date version but it will give you an idea of its contents.



Day 3 - DFO-SARA ATK session cont'd (9:00 - noon Boardroom C, 2nd Floor RHQ)

Continuation of Day 2 discussions.



Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance

CFR AFSAR Forum 2 UPPER FRASER FISHERIES CONSERVATION ALLIANCE March 4th, 2010

RAMADA INN, Cranbrook Room

Prince George, BC 9.00 am – 4.00 pm Lunch Provided

Objectives

- 1. Summarize Project To Date
- 2. Review Community thoughts on ATK incorporation into SARA/recovery plans
- 3. Discussion of the DRAFT ATK Protocol Template
- 1. Introductions
- 2. Project Update/Overview
 - Summary of Working Session (February 12th)
 - Summary of Literature Review
 - Summary of AFSAR CFR Practical Work
- 3. Louvi Nurse Presentation
 - PowerPoint Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge in SARA Implementation: An Overview of the Interim Operational Guidance Document
 - DRAFT 1 Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge in *Species at Risk Act* Implementation Interim Operational Guidance Document
 - Question/Answer Period

HEALTH BREAK

- 4. Elder Albert Marshall/Dr. Cheryl Bartlett Presentation
 - "Integrative Science and Two-Eyed Seeing: Talking and Walking Together".
 - Question/Answer Period

LUNCH BREAK

- 5. Pamela Perreault
 - Use and Sharing of ATK
 - Question/Answer Period

HEALTH BREAK

- 6. CFR Presentations (Summary of Information collected)
 - Randy Billyboy Tsilhqot'in National Government
 - Juanita Alec Nazko First Nation
 - Andrew Meshue Williams Lake Indian Band
 - Albert George Saik'uz First Nation
 - Christina Ciesielski Carrier Sekani Tribal Council
 - Cheryl Pierre Tl'azt'en First Nation
 - Carl Frederick Lheidli T'enneh
- 7. Discussion Period
 - Protocol Template Draft
 - Community/Elder comments