

The Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Network Inc. Presents

Sharing Aboriginal Stories



Eagle Feathers

With

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My name is Roger Gardypie.
I went to Generations Ahead School.

Roger Gardypie nitsikason.
Gnerations Ahead Kiskinwahamatowikamik
niki kiskinwahamakawin.



I learned about treaties, culture,
and Cree language.

Niki kiskinwahamakawin tipamatowina, nehiyawin, ekwa
nehiyawewin.



I learned we are all treaty people in Saskatchewan.

Niki kiskinwahamakawin
kakiyaw oma kiyanaw tipamato wiyiniwak
Saskaciwanihk ohci.



I learned about the eagle feather.

Niki kiskinwahamakawin kihiw mikwan.



The eagle feather stands for young warrior and is also used on pow-wow suits.

Kihiw mikwan tapiskoc okihcik
Okihcitwan
pwatayowin apatisaw mina.



The eagle is seen as our helper and brings us messages
from the Creator.

Kihiw kiwicihikonaw
kakisimowina pehtamowew
Kici-Manitou ohci.



The eagle is a great spiritual bird
and is used by many of our Elders for praying.

Kiceyitakosiw kihiw
Kehte ayak apacihewak kakisimowin ohci.



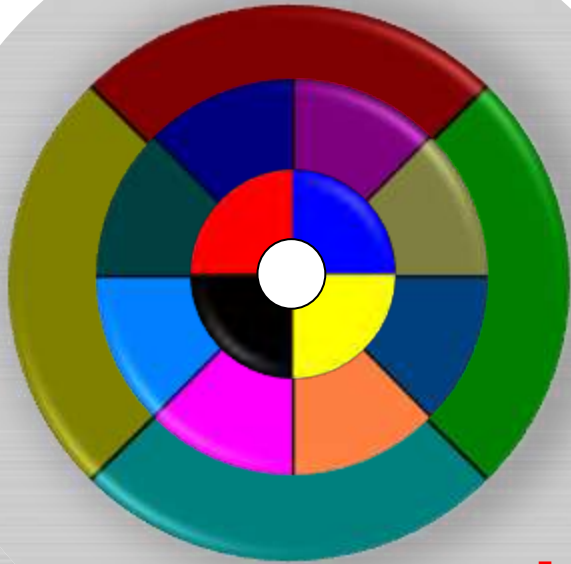
An eagle feather can be earned through dancing
or by doing honourable things.

Kihiw mihkwan kahi kaskihaw
pwatisimowinik apaci ekihcitotak.



I am learning to learn
from oral history and with literacy.

Niki kiskinowahamakosin ekwa
acimowin ekwa masinahikewin ohci.



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Sharing Aboriginal Stories (SAS) of literacy, language, culture and the adoption of Aboriginal life-long learning with literacy as a cultural tradition are a result of their participation in the program. Contact the Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Network Inc. if your community and or group are interested in holistic literacy programming or are interested in Aboriginal Literacy.

The **Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Network Inc. (SALN)** is a non-profit community-based organization committed to:

- Providing access to resources regarding Aboriginal Literacy.
- Advocating with government and agencies for better programming.
- Encouraging membership and participation.

OUR GOALS:

Taking our lead from numerous community consultations, including the Gathering in 2002, the SALN has committed itself to the following goals:

- Increase awareness of the value, importance, and uniqueness of Aboriginal Literacy in Saskatchewan.
- Increase support for cultural and community-based sustainable Aboriginal Literacy programs.
- Promote and support curriculum, instructional methods, and assessment processes based on Aboriginal values and ways of knowing.

WHAT IS ABORIGINAL LITERACY?

Aboriginal Literacy (First Nations and Métis) is a learner-centered approach to life-long learning that honours the inter-connectedness of all aspects of creation, for growth, personal empowerment, community development, and self-determination.

Aboriginal Literacy encompasses first languages, Elder involvement, culture, and community in a holistic development approach to unify mind, heart, body, and spirit.