**Background Information: Oral Tradition**

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**Some Key Points of Oral Traditional**

* observations, details, and significant events are:  
  - stored in memory  
  - passed on through conversations and oral story sharing  
  - passed down through generations
* some may depict significant points through drawn representations to help memory recall (e.g., pictographs, winter counts)
* oral stories are shared and passed down intergenerationally to teach life lessons, worldview, connection to land, and history
* descriptive language is embedded in oral traditions to teach ways of being and knowing

**Further Background Knowledge**

# [Tell Me That Story Again: The Indigenous Tradition of Oral Storytelling](https://youtu.be/pPACZQ21Fgw)

# [Blair First Rider: Aboriginal Cultures and the Oral Tradition](https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/sssi06/html/firstrider1.html)

# [Oral Traditions – ASBA Indigenous Insights Series](https://vimeo.com/298210047)

[**Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada – Métis Oral Tradition**](https://indigenouspeoplesatlasofcanada.ca/article/oral-tradition/)

**[Our Way of Being Métis – Storytelling](https://metisgathering.ca/history-culture/storytelling/)**

[**Walking Together: First Nations, Métis and Inuit Perspectives in Curriculum – Oral Traditions, Beginning Together**](https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/aswt/oral_tradition/#beginning-together)

**Other Resources**

[**Move & Play through Traditional Games Activities**](http://befitforlife.ca/resources/move-and-play-through-traditional-games-cards)

[**Your ATA Library – Mathematics: Indigenous Math**](https://teachers-ab.libguides.com/c.php?g=711542&p=5071498)

[**Math First Peoples Teacher Resource Guide**](http://www.fnesc.ca/math-first-peoples/)