



DWF LIVE: Educator Pre-Lesson Guide

Welcome to DWF LIVE presented by the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund. We are thrilled that you and your students are joining us. This Secret Path Week, we are proud to offer four unique virtual sessions for individuals, classrooms, workplaces, and communities.

This pre-lesson guide includes all the information you'll need to prepare your students for the session and to facilitate thoughtful discussion.

We all begin our reconciliation journey at different points and for different reasons; where you are on the path is not as important as your commitment to taking this journey. Your commitment not only keeps the legacies of Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack alive but builds awareness and education among today's youth, ensuring a better future for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada.

About the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund:

Inspired by Chanie's story and Gord's call to build a better Canada, the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund aims to build cultural understanding and create a path toward reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. Our goal is to improve the lives of Indigenous people by building awareness, education, and connections between all peoples in Canada. Learn more at downiewenjack.ca.

About the Legacy Schools program:

The Legacy Schools program is a free national initiative to engage, empower and connect students and educators to further reconciliation through awareness, education and action (#reconciliACTION).

Open to all schools (daycares, K-12 and post-secondary), clubs, and groups that work with youth throughout Canada, Legacy Schools provides educational resources and program development for participants to help ensure that the unique interests, rights, and perspectives of Indigenous peoples are recognized and implemented in schools and communities throughout Canada.

Learn more and join the Legacy Schools program at legacyschools.ca.



Mental Health Disclaimer

If your school or organization offers social and mental health support, please be sure to have them available. Topics and materials describing the residential school system can include highly sensitive subject matter and may cause powerful emotional responses.

Health Canada provides a free 24-hour crisis line for Survivors and their families affected by the residential school system (also available in French). **The 24-Hour Residential School Support Line: 1-866-925-4419.**

Kids Help Phone: Call **1-800-668-6868** (toll-free) or text **CONNECT to 686868.**

Indigenous people can connect with an Indigenous volunteer crisis responder, when available, by messaging **FIRST NATIONS, INUIT, or MÉTIS to 686868** for young people and **741741** for adults.

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Friday, October 20

11:00 AM PT | 12:00 PM MT | 1:00 PM CT
2:00 PM ET | 3:00 PM AT | 3:30 PM NT

Recommended for all ages (junior kindergarten to adult).

Join Mi'kmaw Elder and Linguist Dr. Bernie Francis as he talks about where Mi'kmaw fits in the Indigenous language world. He will also share his language with us through his music.



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Lesson Ideas Prior to the Session:

- Students can draw, write, or prepare a form of artistic or written expression about their favorite music or song.
- Students can engage in a research project surrounding their language or a language they would like to learn.
- Students can engage in a research project or discussion of which people inhabited the land they live on and what languages were spoken.

Guiding Questions:

1. What languages do you know? How did you learn the languages you know?
2. How many different languages are in your classroom today?
3. How are music and language related?

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