



ORANGE SHIRT DAY RESOURCE LIST



The Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommended that education on Residential Schools be built into the curriculum as early as kindergarten.

As people who have settled on this land (anyone who is not a First Nations, Inuit or Metis person in Canada) one of the most important things we can do is work towards reconciliation with Indigenous People's. This means we need to educate ourselves.

We hope that schools and families across all of Toronto/Canada but especially East End Toronto will work to increase their understanding of Indigenous realities.

One of the ways to do this is to commemorate Orange Shirt Day by giving children information about Residential Schools in a respectful way.

There are hundreds of resources out there. We are providing you with a short list of resources we have reviewed, vetted and believe are helpful. All of these resources were created by Indigenous people.

Please review materials before sharing them to see if they would be appropriate for your class/kids. If you have Indigenous children in your classes we suggest you talk to their parents and see if they want their kids to be in the classroom while Residential Schools are being discussed.

1.) www.orangeshirtday.org This is an amazing resource. We recommend everyone visit this website. It has videos, activity and teaching guides for all ages and it tells the background of Orange Shirt Day.

2) **"The Orange Shirt Story"** by Phyllis Webstad. An excellent book for most ages.*

3) **"I am Not A Number"** by Jenny Kay Dupuis and Kathy Kacer. This is a profound book, only appropriate for people who can deal with hard facts.*

4) **"When We Were Alone"** by David A. Robertson and Julie Flett.*

5) **Teacher's Guide to When We Were Alone**
<https://www.portageandmainpress.com/product/parentteacher-guide-for-when-we-were-alone/>

6) **Project of Heart** website
<http://www.projectofheart.ca>

7) **National Film Board**
This is a huge resource. But we highly recommend the film **We Were Children** 16+

8) The film **Where the Spirit Lives** can be found in its entirety on Youtube.

9) **Blog** : This is an interesting story about what happens when children want to speak their truth to someone who might not be ready to hear it.
<https://apihtawikosisan.com/2012/03/rubys-story>

This list was created with the support of Nancy Cooper, First Nation Library Consultant, local Mom and member of our organizing team.

We hope you will be part of sharing information on Orange Shirt Day so that we can increase Canadian Literacy of Indigenous People's truths.

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