ONE DAY, MANY STORIES

Perspective means the way someone sees or understands something.

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Two people can experience the same moment and notice different things. Both can share useful information. Learning history means asking whose voices we hear - and whose voices may be missing.

Try it: Same scene, different viewpoints

Imagine two children visit the same riverside park. One is visiting for the first time. The other has cared for the park with their family for years.

A NEW VISITOR

What might this child notice, wonder, or ask?

A LONGTIME CARETAKER

What might this child know, value, or remember?

Think about history

Why is it helpful to hear more than one person's story about an event?

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: THEN AND NOW

Native nations have distinct histories, cultures, governments, and communities.

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Indigenous peoples lived throughout the Americas long before 1492. Indigenous communities are also part of the present and future. There is no single Indigenous culture or story.

Circle TRUE or FALSE

1. Indigenous peoples are only part of the past. TRUE FALSE

2. Different Native nations have different traditions and histories. TRUE FALSE

3. Indigenous people live in communities today. TRUE FALSE

4. One story can explain every person's experience. TRUE FALSE

Words matter

Use the names that people use for themselves. When learning about a Native nation, use the nation's specific name when you know it. Speak about Indigenous peoples in the present tense, not only the past tense.

Complete the sentence

One new idea I learned today is...

LISTEN, LEARN, RESPECT

We can study difficult history with curiosity, honesty, and kindness.

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LISTEN Let people share their own experiences and stories.

LEARN Ask questions and use trustworthy books and sources.

RESPECT Remember that every person and community has dignity.

My reflection

A question I still have is...

One way I can listen respectfully is...

One story or perspective I would like to learn more about is...

MY RESPECTFUL LEARNER PROMISE

I will listen carefully, ask thoughtful questions, and remember that one day can hold many stories.

Name