

Indigenous Peoples' Day

Resources for understanding Indigenous Peoples' Day

What is Indigenous Peoples' Day

“Indigenous Peoples' Day is a holiday celebrated on the second Monday of October in the United States, in lieu of Columbus Day. Indigenous Peoples' Day, at its core, aims to celebrate and honor the past, present, and futures of Native peoples throughout the United States and acknowledges the legacy of colonialism, which has devastated Indigenous communities historically and continues to negatively impact them today. More importantly, however, Indigenous Peoples' Day moves beyond the narrative of oppression and honors the histories, cultures, contributions, and resilience of contemporary Native peoples.” - Illuminative.org

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Why is celebrating Indigenous People's Day important?

“To fully appreciate the importance of celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day, we must begin by understanding how Native peoples are (or are not) represented throughout mainstream society in the United States. Representations not only serve as a reflection of how society views a group, but also influences how people think about the group in question. Because representations are all around us, both Native and nonNative people are impacted by them. For Native people, the representations that are available in mainstream society influence what Native people see as possible for themselves and their communities. Similarly, the available representations of Native people in mainstream society also shape what non-Native individuals see as possible for Native individuals and communities. By understanding how groups are represented, we can gain insight into communities' health and wellbeing.” - Illuminative.org

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Indigenous Peoples' Day Resources

- Teaching People's History ([Link](#))
- Illuminative Advocates Guide ([Link](#))
- Illuminative Indigenous Peoples' Day Lesson Plan ([Link](#))
- We Are Teachers - How to Honor Indigenous Peoples' Day ([Link](#))

Videos

- The Columbus Controversy ([Link](#))
- Columbus In America - Full Documentary ([Link](#))