

## Teaching Thanksgiving

A list of resources for teachers curated by Marina Greb and Celine Gobernatz

As a quick lead-in and invitation to rethink

– Native voices on the history, mythmaking and interpretations of Thanksgiving:

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Orange, Tommy. “Op-Ed: Thanksgiving Is a Tradition. It’s also a Lie.” *Los Angeles Times*. 23 Nov. 2017.  
Web. 14 Aug. 2023.  
<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-orange-thanksgiving-history-20171123-story.html>.

St. Bart’s. “This Land is Their Land: Rethinking Thanksgiving | The Forum at St. Bart’s.”  
YouTube, uploaded by ST. BART’S, 20 Nov. 2022. 14. Aug. 2023.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMr5EXMAWP8>.

Background information, webinars, curated book lists, teaching material, and lesson plans  
– not only regarding Native History, but many historical, social, cultural and political topics:

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Web. 14 Aug. 2023. <https://zinnedproject.org>.

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Web. 14. Aug. 2023. <https://teachingforchange.org>.

“Native Knowledge 360° Education Initiative. Transforming Teaching and Learning about Native  
Americans.” *National Museum of the American Indian*. 2023. Web. 14 Aug. 2023.  
<https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360>.

Pagan, Paige, ed. *Social Justice Books. A Teaching for Change Project*. 2023. Web. 14 Aug. 2023.  
<https://socialjusticebooks.org>.

Reese, Debbie Dr., ed. *American Indians in Children’s Literature*. 2023. Web. 14 Aug. 2023.  
<https://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/>.

Further Readings to deepen interaction:

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*Becoming Visible: A Landscape Analysis of State Efforts to Provide Native American Education for All*.

National Congress of American Indians, Sept. 2019, Report.

Available at: [https://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/research-data/prc-publications/NCAI-Becoming\\_Visible\\_Report-Digital\\_FINAL\\_10\\_2019.pdf](https://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/research-data/prc-publications/NCAI-Becoming_Visible_Report-Digital_FINAL_10_2019.pdf).

Dunbar-Ortiz, Roxanne. *An indigenous peoples' history of the United States*. Boston: Beacon Press, 2014. Print.

Dunbar-Ortiz, Roxanne and Dina Gilio-Whitaker. *All the Real Indians Died Off: And 20 Other Myths about Native Americans*". Boston: Beacon Press, 2016. Print.

Loewen, James W. *Lies My Teacher Told Me. Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong*. New York: The New Press, 2018. Print.

Silverman, David J. *This Land Is Their Land: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony, and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2019. Print.

Takaki, Ronald. *A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America*. 1993. Boston: little, brown, 2023. Print.