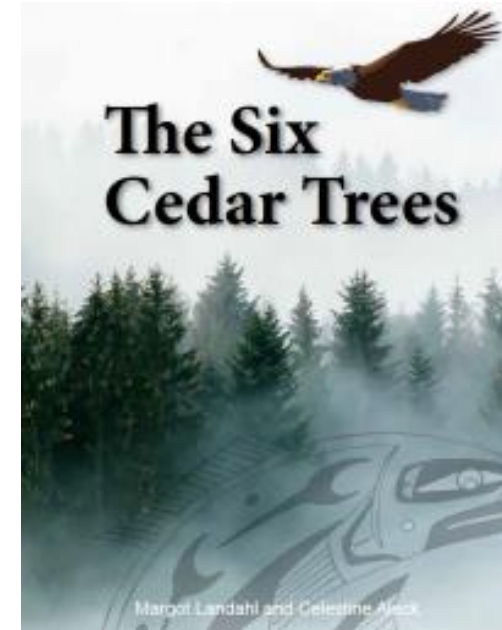


# Six Cedar Trees Animals

## Kwak'wala and Sliammon Language

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# Animal Symbolism

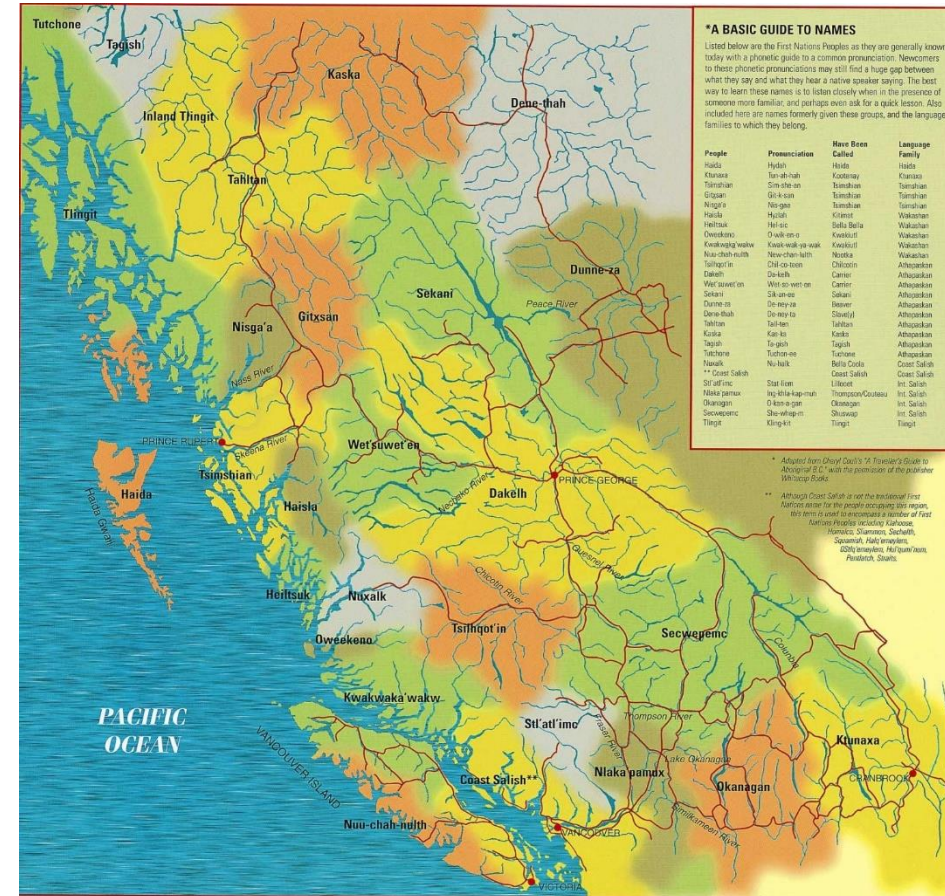
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- Different animals symbolize and represent human traits, values and characteristics.
- On many totem poles, animals often represent families crests or clans and are used to tell a story.



# Language

- Two cultures are identified in the K'omoks First Nation community: Coast Salish (Island-Comox speaking peoples) and Kwakwaka'wakw (Kwak'wala speaking peoples).
- Sliammon is one of the Coast Salish Languages.
- Traditionally the K'omoks First Nation territory is Coast Salish Territory and the original language spoken in this area is Pentlatch. There are no fluent Pentlatch speakers in this territory, today. The most similar language spoken today is Sliammon from Powell River.





# Namwayut

- we are all one
- all living things are connected

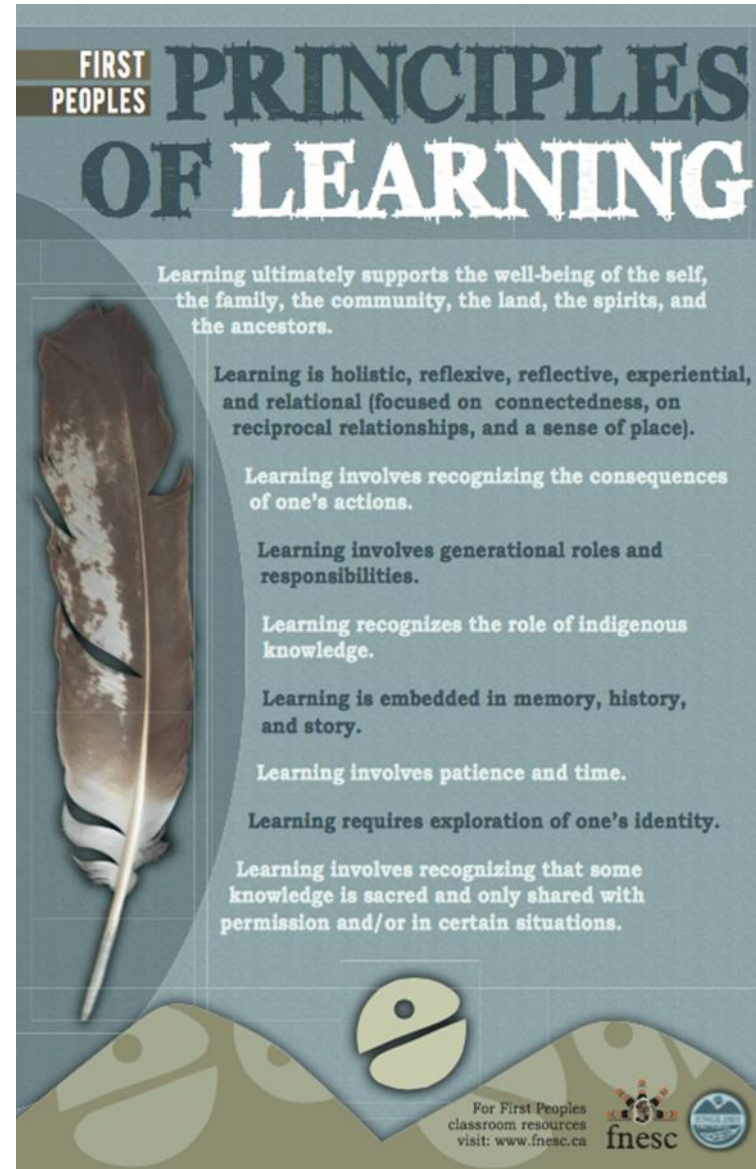
Using the philosophy of namwayut and the book *Six Cedar Trees* we see an example of combining worldviews and principles from the environment and land we live.

The core competencies guide teachers in the importance of social and emotional learning with our students and this connects directly to the First Peoples Principles of Learning.

Animal symbolism, in some form, and/or all connection to the land, guides how many Indigenous people have lived with this land for thousands of years in relationship to all living things.

The animals represented here are some of the northwest coast animals and are important to many of the people who live in this area. The descriptors are generalized and not specific to one culture. The meanings are important to an individual as well as families and groups.

# First Peoples Principles of Learning



# Beaver

Kwak'wala  
t'sawi



- Creative
- Artistic
- Determined

Sliammon  
qowut



# Beaver



- Beaver is a diligent collaborator.
- Beaver represents the ways of knowing our **Socially Responsibility.**
- Through Beaver, we can learn to care for our community and environment by valuing diversity, advocating for others and working together for a greater good.



# Black Bear

Kwak'wala  
tła'yi



- Strength
- Learned Humility
- Motherhood
- Teaching

Sliammon  
məχaɬ





# Bear



- Bear is a great protector.
- Bear represents the ways of knowing our **Personal Awareness and Responsibility.**
- Through Bear, we can learn to nurture our own personal well-being by valuing ourselves and our accomplishments; understanding our feelings and making good choices that demonstrate respect for ourselves and others.

# Orca

Kwak'wala

max'inux 

- Traveller
- Guardian
- Symbol of Good

Sliammon

nənqəm 



# Orca



- Orca is our guardian and navigator of the sea.
- Orca represents the ways of learning our **Positive Personal and Cultural Identity.**
- Orca teaches us about who we are, where we come from, and to understand our own personal histories by learning the ways of our ancestors



# Raven

Kwak'wala  
gwa'wina



- Creation
- Knowledge
- Bringer of the Light
- Trickster

Sliammon  
p'oho



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# Raven



- Raven is a creative thinker.
- Raven represents how we

**Think Creatively.**

- Raven teaches us to be creative and playful in all that we do.

# Salmon

Kwak'wala  
kuta<sub>la</sub>



- Dependability
- Renewal
- Provider

Sliammon

θəqay





# Salmon



- Salmon is a Critical Thinker.
- Salmon represents how we

## **Think Critically.**

- Through Salmon, we learn to observe, analyze and critique information and experiences. Our inquiries, allow us opportunities to question and investigate as well as develop and design plans.

# Wolf

Kwak'wala  
atła'nəm



- Intelligence
- Leadership
- Strong Sense of Family

Sliammon  
łatəm



# Wolf



- Wolf is a great communicator.
- Wolf represents how we ***Communicate.***
- Through Wolf, we can learn to connect and engage with others; gather and share information; and cooperate with others by listening to and respecting each other.



# For more info...

See the following websites:...

**First Voices:** (words from this slideshow were obtained from this sit.

- <https://www.firstvoices.com/>

**K'omoks First Nation:**

- <http://www.komoks.ca/about-us>

**Tla'amin First Nation Language:**

- <http://www.tlaaminnation.com/language/>

**For Teaching resources and connections to the curricular competencies.**

- <https://deltalearns.ca/thesixcedars/>