



Themes in Traditional Stories

Student
Handout

seasonal cycle (relationship to seasons)	conflict & conflict resolution	art & functional art
place and relationship to the natural world	peace, war, harmony	collaboration and cooperation
relationality (interdependence) & connectedness	community and collectivity	roles, inclusivity, & belonging
language & worldview	racism, stereotypes, negative labelling	competition
holistic	romanticization	decision making
family	humour	governance
geneology & lineage	respect	diverse social structures
spirit, relationship with spirit world, & spirituality	responsibility	gender roles
dreams & visions	protocol	structure and hierarchy
sacred secrets	balance	time and place
sustainability & continuity	rights & justice	home
rites of passage	learning	wisdom
citizenship & service	nurturing	reflective listening
vitality	sharing & generosity	reciprocity
resilience & healing	culture, tradition, and ceremony	ownership
well-being	performance (song, dance, etc.)	anger, rage
addiction	transformation	grief & loss
identity (incl. biculturalism)	transitions (with loss, gain)	self-reliance
politicization	diversity	love, hate
history and colonization (impact of Christianity, institutionalization)	technology (traditional technology, hi-tech)	knowledges (oral, vision, spirit world)
		tradition vs. modernity