



# Core Learning Resources

*Building Strong Nations Together!*

## English First Peoples 10/11

### Specified Texts/Readings

**THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN** By Sherman Alexie

School price \$12.15

This book follows the struggles of an Indian boy who finds his split life between being white and Indian steadily turning him into a shunned outcast on both sides. Written with compassion and heart, I would recommend this masterpiece of a tale to teens of all ages. A spectacular story that stands above all as original and penetrating.

**ANNIE MAE'S MOVEMENT** by Yvette Nolan

School price \$15.26

The emotional struggle of a Native woman who was adopted by a White family to acknowledge her birth family. Cast of 2 women and 2 men. *James Buller Award for Playwright of the Year, 1997 Dora Mavor Moore Award for Outstanding New Play, Small Theatre Division, 1996.*

**"History Lesson" from AN ANTHOLOGY OF CANADIAN NATIVE LITERATURE (2005 edition)**

Edited by Daniel David Moses

School price \$61.16

This collection, including *History Lesson*, presents writing in English by Canadian Native authors featuring prose selections, traditional songs, short stories, plays, poems and essays, showing a complexity and rich wealth of this culture.

**APRIL RAIN TREE** by Beatrice Culleton

School price \$17.10

Through her characterization of two young sisters who are removed from their family, the author poignantly illustrates the difficulties that many Aboriginal people face in maintaining a positive self-identity.

**"Legless Joe versus Black Robe" from BORN WITH A TOOTH** by Joseph Boyden

School price \$18.00

Almost a decade after its original publication, award winner, Joseph Boyden's classic book of short stories is finally being reissued. Boyden's debut work of fiction is a collection of thirteen beautifully written stories, including *Legless Joe Versus Black Robe*, about aboriginal life in Ontario. They are stories of love, unexpected triumph, and a passionate belief in dreams. They are also stories of anger and longing, of struggling to adapt, of searching but remaining unfulfilled.

**CIBOU** by Susan Young de Biagi

School price \$17.96

The story is that of a young Mi'kmaq woman and her relationship with a Jesuit missionary who is a historical figure being first stationed in Cape Breton in 1632, and his brother, who had established a French trading post in 1629. The priest was later posted to Huronia where, 14 years later, he met a violent end. Susan Biagi has woven a marvelously intuitive tale, at once beautiful and harsh, observing the simple and dangerous lives of cultures interacting on the threshold of new world history.

**"The Buckskin Jacket" from COLOUR OF RESISTANCE**

School price \$17.96

*The Colour of Resistance* is an anthology of contemporary writing, including *The Buckskin Jacket*, from aboriginal women that shatters five hundred years of colonization and stereotypes. Collected from more than 20 contributors across Canada and the United States, this is a chronicle of where these women have been, where they stand now and their vision for the future.

**MEDICINE RIVER** by Thomas King

School price \$15.75

*Medicine River* chronicles the lives of a group of contemporary Native Americans in Western Canada. The novel is divided into eighteen short chapters. The story is recounted by the protagonist, Will Sampson, in an amiable, conversational fashion, with frequent flashbacks to earlier portions of his life.

**NIGHT WANDERER** By Drew Hayden Taylor

School price \$9.86

Tiffany discovers her father is renting out *her* room, she's deeply upset. Sure, their guest is polite and keeps to himself. But he's also a little creepy. The mysterious Pierre L'Errant is actually a vampire, returning to his tribal home after centuries spent in Europe. But Tiffany has other things on her mind: her new boyfriend is acting weird, disputes with her father are escalating, and her estranged mother is starting a new life with somebody else. Then, a chilling encounter with L'Errant changes everything... for both of them. A mesmerizing blend of Gothic thriller and modern coming-of-age novel, *The Night Wanderer* is unlike any other vampire story.

**SOMEDAY: A NATIVE AMERICAN DRAMA** by Drew Hayden Taylor

School price \$11.66

Anne Wabung's daughter was taken away by children's aid workers when the girl was only a toddler. It is Christmastime 35 years later, and Anne's yearning to see her now-grown daughter is stronger than ever. When the family is finally reunited, however, the dreams of neither women are fulfilled. The setting for the play is a fictional Ojibway community, but could be any reserve in Canada. *Someday* is an entertaining, humorous, and spirited play that packs an intense emotional wallop.

**THINGS FALL APART** by Chinua Achebe

School price \$16.16

THINGS FALL APART tells two overlapping, intertwining stories, both of which center around Okonkwo, a "strong man" of an Ibo village in Nigeria. The first of these stories traces Okonkwo's fall from grace with the tribal world in which he lives, and in its classical purity of line and economical beauty it provides us with a powerful fable about the immemorial conflict between the individual and society. The second story, which is as modern as the first is ancient, and which elevates the book to a tragic plane, concerns the clash of cultures and the destruction of Okonkwo's world through the arrival of aggressive, proselytizing European missionaries. These twin dramas are perfectly harmonized, and they are modulated by an awareness capable of encompassing at once the life of nature, human history, and the mysterious compulsions of the soul.

**"Traplins" from TRAPLINES** by Eden Robinson

School price \$19.80

A startlingly hip urban novel that tells it like it is, blood, guts and all, Eden Robinson's *Traplins* is a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year. Full of the raw urgency of a youthful yet clear-eyed voice, this collection of four powerful stories, including *Traplins*, oozes sex and love, alienation, violence and fear in the confused jungle of the adolescent's experience.

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*Availability for the DVDs is as follows:*

*CLUB NATIVE: HOW THICK IS YOUR BLOOD (National Film Board),  
SPIRIT OF ANNIE MAE (National Film Board), and MARCH POINT([www.pbs.org/independentlens/marchpoint/](http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/marchpoint/))*

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