



Classroom Connections

Research Project: The Knower's Chair

“Colonial white society assigned itself some crazy Knower’s Chair and handed white people the authority to sit in it.” - Lee Maracle

Part 1: The Knower's Chair

Print or design a large image of a “knower’s chair”:

- Fill it out with words that express the colonial violence that Indigenous Peoples have experienced and continue to experience today.
- Afterwards, print or design another graphic or symbol that represents a relationship based on respect, equality, and listening to one another. Fill it out with words that represent how your groups thinks the world would look if a different, more respectable process had taken place during European colonization. Or show how the world might look if we worked on righting relationships today.

Part 2: Steps Towards Right Relationships

Break into small group. Based on your readings, discuss the following:

What steps do we need to take for genuine reconciliation – aimed at establishing just and respectful relationships – to occur?

Keep notes below:

Part 3: Right Relationships Tableau

Work in pairs or trios on your assigned topic for the tableau (*dispossession, oppression, dependency, genocide, reconciliation, right relationships, decolonization*) Present your tableau to your class. Take pictures of each tableau and display these in your school or/and in your community.

