



Curriculum Links
The Sharing Circle, Season 14, Episode 13:
Empty Nets

Suggested Grade Levels:

Grades 4 – 12	Social Studies
Grades 4 – 12	Science
Grades 7 – 12	Career

Curriculum Themes:

- Career choice-Counsellors
- Environmental conservation
- Habitats
- Manitoba
- Math
- Métis

Summary of Episode:

Lake Manitoba has traditionally been a bountiful place for the Métis to fish, but recently they experienced one of the worst years in memory. Many veteran fishermen are pulling their nets and cutting their losses. Worse yet the young men are not bothering at all, choosing instead to go to Alberta for a pipeline pay cheque. Are those still working the lake part of a dying breed, or will steps be taken to safeguard the financial heart and cultural soul of an entire community?

Vocabulary:

- Alberta
- Bombardier
- Commercial fishing
- Danger
- David Chartrand
- 80% Aboriginal
- 85 – 90 yards
- Emile Lavallee
- Equipment
- Fewer fish
- Fiddle music
- 50 tubs/2 days
- 4,700 km sq.
- Fresh Water fisherman
- Gernational
- Heritage
- Ice Condition
- Identity
- Jacinte Lambert
- Jeopardy
- Jeu De Lieve
- Jigger
- Lake Manitoba
- Lake Manitoba Coop.
- Leon Chartrand
- Licence
- Light
- Lionel Youroit
- Livelihood
- Lloyd Coutu
- Manitoba Métis Federation
- Métis
- Métis Revolution
- Museum
- Music
- Nets
- Night Jiggers
- Northern Pike
- 100 km NW of Winnipeg
- Parasite
- Part of them
- Pickeral
- Pride
- Quit
- Rising costs
- Ron Dubois
- Self-sufficiency
- Smithsonian
- Sound
- St. Laurent, Manitoba
- Steven Kendall
- \$3,000 - \$4,000
- \$3/kg - \$4/kg
- Traditional
- 20 – 25 fishers
- 200 – 300 tubs/day
- Uniting
- Value
- White Fish

Suggested Activities:

- Study the Métis and their culture.
- Study the fish industry.
- Phone a fish market and get a tour.
- Invite in a fisherman to talk about their profession.
- Make a graph showing the lowering cost of fish.
- Make a graph showing the lowering number of fish being caught.
- Make a diagram showing the size of lake Manitoba in relation to the land in Manitoba.
- Make prints using fish scales and bones- they make great designs!
- Go to the Manitoba Métis Federation for a tour.

Suggested Activities (Continued):

- Go to St. Laurent for a tour.
- Learn about Métis fiddling.
- Listen to Métis music.
- Read books related to the Métis (see Additional Resources)
- Invite people in to jig or to teach how to jig.
- Invite a fiddler in or a fiddle group.
- Look up communities in Manitoba and Saskatchewan that have a high population of Métis heritage.
- Discuss environment and what may be affecting fish quality and quantity.
- Discuss pollution and how you can help the environment.

Additional Resources (online):

- Mentis National Council
- <http://www.metisnation.ca/>
- Métis Ressource Centre
- <http://www.metisresourcecentre.mb.ca/>
- Pemmican Publishing
- <http://www.pemmican.mb.ca/>
- St. Laurent teaching guide
- http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/socstud/st_laurent/teachers_guide.pdf

Additional Resources (text):

- *The Golden Métis*
by Flynn Ell © 2004 Pemmican Publications
- *Li minoush*
by Bonnie Murray © from Pemmican Publications
- *Louis Son of the Prairies*
by Noëlie Palued-Pelletier © 1990 Pemmican Publication

Additional Resources (text) (Continued):

- *The Métis Princess*
by Annette Saint-Pierre © 2004 Pemmican Publications
- *Prairie Rose*
by Fred Smith © 1993 Pemmican Publications
- *The Tobanz*
by Edgar Danny Desjarlais © Pemmican Publications
- *Women of the First Nations Power, Wisdom and Strength*
Edited by Christine Miller and Patricia Chuchryk © 1996 University of
Manitoba Press

Related Episodes:

- The Sharing Circle, Season 14, Episode 1
Crooked Music: John Arcand, the Master of the Métis Fiddle
- The Sharing Circle, Season 14, Episode 15
Solomon Carriere- Last of the Voyageurs