

Continuing Learning

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Level: 3-4

Category: Literacy



Title of Lesson: Secret of the Dance

First Peoples Principle of Learning: Learning ultimately supports the well-being of the self, the family, the community, the land, the spirits, and the ancestors.

Materials Needed: Ipad/laptop

Task Instructions:

1. -Using the free app Epic (www.getepic.com) Search for the book “Secret of the Dance” by Indigenous elder Alfred Scow and award-winning author Andrea Spalding.
2. -Have your child read this book.
3. -Discuss the following questions:
What is a Potlach?
Why was the Potlach Dance banned?

Have student research the answer to these questions by using the following link:

<https://umistapotlatch.ca/intro-eng.php>

Extensions (Optional):

Call an Elder in your family and ask what traditions are important to them?