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## **Background Information: Oral Tradition**

## **Some Key Points of Oral Traditional**

- observations, details, and significant events are:
  - stored in memory
  - passed on through conversations and oral story sharing
  - passed down through generations
- some may depict significant points through drawn representations to help memory recall (e.g., pictographs, winter counts)
- oral stories are shared and passed down intergenerationally to teach life lessons, worldview, connection to land, and history
- descriptive language is embedded in oral traditions to teach ways of being and knowing

## **Further Background Knowledge**

Tell Me That Story Again: The Indigenous Tradition of Oral Storytelling

Blair First Rider: Aboriginal Cultures and the Oral Tradition

**Oral Traditions – ASBA Indigenous Insights Series** 

Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada - Métis Oral Tradition

Our Way of Being Métis - Storytelling

<u>Walking Together: First Nations, Métis and Inuit Perspectives in Curriculum – Oral Traditions, Beginning Together</u>

## Other Resources

**Move & Play through Traditional Games Activities** 

Your ATA Library - Mathematics: Indigenous Math

**Math First Peoples Teacher Resource Guide**