

Dear Aaron,

Thank you so much for coming to our school on February 18th, 2009 and sharing your gift of culture and storytelling. It couldn't have been better suited to our grade 6 social studies program. In grade 6 the expectations we study are:

- * examine various theories about the origins of First Nation and Inuit peoples in North America

- * describe the attitude to the environment of various First Nation groups

- * compare key social and cultural characteristics of Algonquian and Iroquoian groups (e.g., language; agriculture and hunting; governance; matriarchal and patriarchal societies; arts; storytelling; trade; recreation; roles of men, women, and children);

- * identify the results of contact for both the Europeans and the First Nation peoples (e.g., sharing of beliefs, knowledge, and skills; intermarriage; trading alliances and conflicts; impact of European diseases on First Nation peoples; impact of fur trade on natural resources such as beaver populations).

Your presentation really hit the mark for each of these expectations and really made them come alive for our students. They are still talking and using actions from the creation story you told and many of them have made their own version of the bone and stick game.

Thank you so much for your time. You are very talented and my students were very lucky to be a part of such an amazing and culturally rich presentation.

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