## Thank you for being here.

It is with gratitude and humility that we acknowledge that we are learning, speaking, and gathering on the ancestral homelands of the Mohican people, who are the indigenous peoples of this land. Despite tremendous hardship in being forced from here, today their community resides in Wisconsin and is known as the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. We pay honor to their ancestors by continuously aiming to better understand and integrate their history into school curricula. We show respect to their descendents by engaging with their living culture, which has endured the repercussions of the westward diaspora. We acknowledge that the place names of our rivers, towns, roads, and landmarks have significant meaning to the Stockbridge Munsee Community and we strive to know, understand, and respect their origin. We understand that our privilege has allowed us to live and learn here as a result of broken promises, unfair negotiations, and racist mindsets and we address the need for awareness, visibility, and advocacy. As we make progress regarding restorative justice practices in education, we commit to building connections, understandings, and partnerships to provide a more inclusive and equitable space for all.



# Berkshire **County-Wide** Hexagon Project

Info session • Aug 30, 2022

TE KEO WERC Where is the **bus**? Parakitihi to kontou reo Māori! Check this board each week to learn our seekly Te Reo Wero. Our goal is to normalise these te reo words / phrases / sentences and There is no bus. use them everyday at home and School Tēnā koe Tēnā tātou katoa Tēnā kōrua Nau mai, haere mai Tēnā koutou

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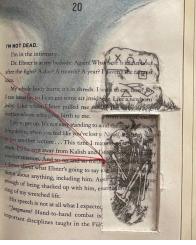
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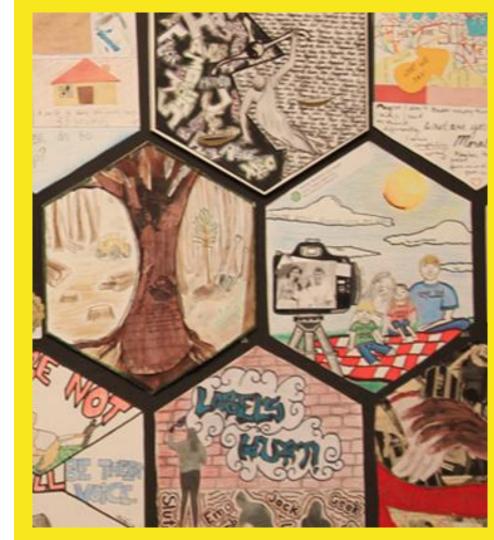
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ing the major muscles in your legs, without too much stress on your joints before they dle it. Oh, and we have to work on your flexibility. You've probably lost some ran motion."

Hexagon Project Indigenous Peoples' Day Berkshire County, 2022 Spread the meaning of interdependence through school- and community-created hexagons. Themes of social justice, identity, peace and the environment are expressed, through the power of the arts, in an increasingly interconnected world.



Interdependence means transforming our energies toward coexistence through collaboration, cooperation and coming together to solve local, regional and global challenges



### **Guiding Questions:**

How can finding our indigenous mindsets foster empathy and instill stewardship of the land?

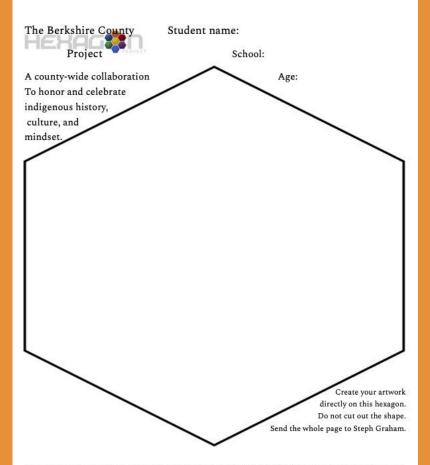
How can we use place-based knowledge to engage students in learning?

### **Project Goals:**

To educate students about traditional practices of Indigenous Peoples' ancestral past;

To understand how intertribal relationships developed over thousands of years, including after colonization;

To develop a relationship among communities in the Berkshires in shared knowledge and collaborative projects.



Use your indigenous mindset to illustrate the idea of CONNECTION. You may use text, collage, and 2-d drawing materials. Draw your ideas from lessons learned through Place, Storytelling, Intergenerational Interaction, Experience, and Interconnectedness. Sign your work!

### Approach

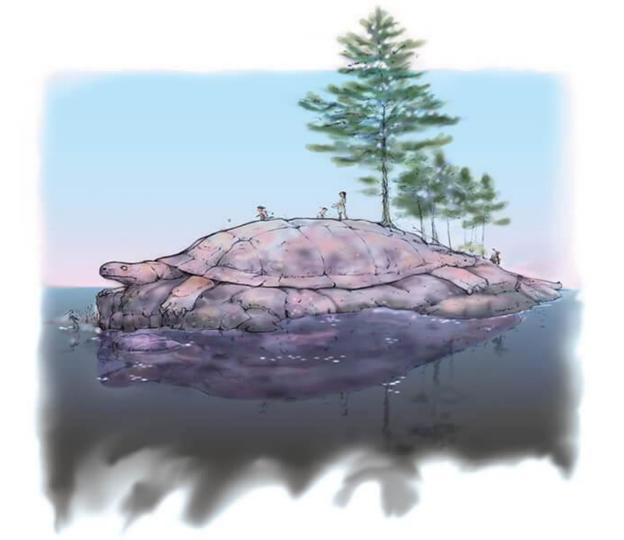
-Explore culture and history through the five threads of the Standard Model of Indigenous Learning: Place, Storytelling, Intergenerational Interaction, Experience, Interconnectedness.











## Intergenerational Interaction

Edward Moran, Henrik Hudson Entering NY Harbor, September 11, 1609; 1892





Saturday August 30. 1735. The Conference Continued. PRESENT His Excellency Jonathan Belcher, Efg; Captain General and Governour in Chief, &c. Cuncaupot Captain, and others of the Houss atonnoc Tribe.

#### Governour.

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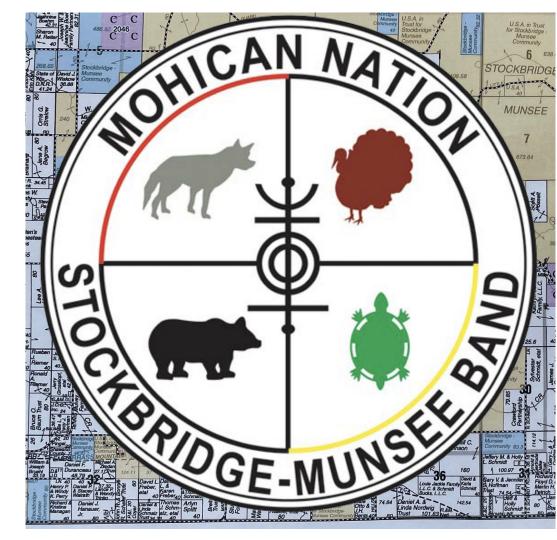
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## **Interconnectedness**

How can we as educators create an opportunities for students to feel connected to history and culture?

To themselves?

To each other?



## **Timeline:**

9/9: Deadline to confirm participation
Now until 9/30: Suggested implementation period
10/2: Deadline for project submission
10/7: Opening reception 2:00 at the Gazebo behind town hall in GB

## Your responsibilities:

Create a project plan that suits your content area and grade level. Coordinate with collaborating partners; Gather materials. Document your journey.

