While the Thanksgiving holiday, or as some call Fall Harvest Celebration, is the highlight of November, the story of the Native American people is much more widespread than one feast in American History. National American Heritage Month celebrates the accomplishments of the original inhabitants, explorers, and settlers of the United States. Native Americans are often referred to as Indigenous Americans, Indian Americans, or Ingenious people. However, "Native American" became the preferred "politically correct" terminology in the 1970s. The month of November is reserved for the indigenous people of this land to share their lived experience, recognize the vast contributions of their culture or tribe, or advocate for policy change. Below are a few links and resources to help you explore this heritage month and begin discussions with your students. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

### Primary School
- [Native American for Kids](#) | An insightful look into the history of the Native Americans
- [History of Native Americans for Kids - Timelines - Animation](#)

### Secondary School
- [Native American Heritage Month Lessons, Activities, and Totem Pole Craft](#)
- [What to Watch with PBS](#)
- [Native Knowledge 360](#)
- [Google Podcasts](#)

### Other things to consider:
- Lean into learning with your students!
- Remember that even students who may identify within the encompassing heritages should not be seen as experts on the topic.
- There are many ways to celebrate Native American Heritage! There really is nothing too simple to add to the celebration!
- Native American Heritage Month is American History and relevant to all of us in a variety of ways!
- Have fun! This is a time for celebrating!!
What is Transgender Awareness Week?
Transgender Awareness Week is the week of November 13-19th when transgender people and their allies take action to bring attention to the community by educating the public about who transgender people are, sharing stories and experiences, and advancing advocacy around the issues of prejudice, discrimination, and violence that affect the transgender community.

What is Transgender Day of Remembrance?
Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) observed on November 20th, was founded by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor her memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998. The vigil commemorated all the transgender people lost to violence that year and began an important memorial that has become the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

DID YOU KNOW...?
- Reported discrimination is higher than average among transgender and nonbinary people, those with a disability, and individuals of color, particularly Hispanic individuals.
  *Center for American Progress 2020
- 68% of Americans believe they have never personally met someone who is transgender.
  *PEW Poll
- 30% of transgender respondents living in GA live in poverty.
- 50% of those who were out or perceived as transgender in K–12 were verbally harassed,
- 24% were physically attacked, and
- 13% were sexually assaulted in K–12
  *USTS GA State Report

Resources

Family Guide
Understanding Gender Spectrum
Say What?!?
What Would Students Say
Books and Videos for Teaching
Classroom Best Practices Webinar
Transgender Youth Family Allies
Suggested Reading
Being There for Non-Binary Youth
Article
Discussion Topics for the Article: Being There for Non-Binary Youth

Using This Resource
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