

Impacts of Colonization (Grades 6-12)

The arrival of European explorers and settlers altered the lives of local Indigenous peoples in many ways. This 2-hour program examines the short and long-term impacts of newcomers on the First Nations of Northern Vancouver Island. Students are encouraged to think critically about how Museum exhibits like ours tell this story and what our role is/should be as Canada moves towards Reconciliation. Following a guided discussion, students will have the opportunity to create personal Reconciliation Reminders to take home.

BC Curriculum Connections

Grade 6 Social Studies

- Economic policies and resource management, including effects on Indigenous peoples
- Regional conflict

Grade 7 Social Studies

- Interactions and exchanges between past civilizations and cultures, including conflict, peace, trade, expansion, and migration

Grade 8 Social Studies

- Interactions and exchanges of resources, ideas, arts, and culture between and among different civilizations
- Exploration, expansion, and colonization
- Changes in population and living standards

Grade 9 Social Studies

- Imperialism and colonialism, and their continuing effects on Indigenous peoples in Canada
- Local and regional conflicts
- Discriminatory policies and injustices in Canada, such as residential schools

Grade 10 Social Studies

- Discriminatory policies and injustices in Canada, including residential schools

Grade 12 BC First Peoples

- Impact of historical exchanges of ideas, practices, and materials among local B.C. First Peoples and with non-indigenous peoples
- Provincial and federal government policies and practices that have affected, and continue to affect, the responses of B.C. First Peoples to colonialism
- Resistance of B.C. First Peoples to colonialism
- Contemporary challenges facing B.C. First Peoples, including legacies of colonialism