



Métis Inspired Digital Storytelling

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Who are the Métis?

The Métis...

- have a distinct, strong, vibrant culture
- are unique from First Nations & Inuit
- were actively involved in the development of Canada
- Métis week is celebrated every year surrounding the date of November 16th, the day Louis Riél was executed for treason
- the Métis speak Michif, Cree, French and English



A person is walking away from the camera on a dirt path in a forest. The path is covered with fallen leaves and some rocks. The trees are tall and thin, with bare branches, suggesting an autumn or winter setting. The lighting is soft, with some light filtering through the trees in the background.

The Métis...

Are distinct from First Nations and Inuit peoples

Are of historic Métis Nation Ancestry and are accepted by the Métis Nation."

As you can see being Métis does not simply mean mixed blood or mixed race.

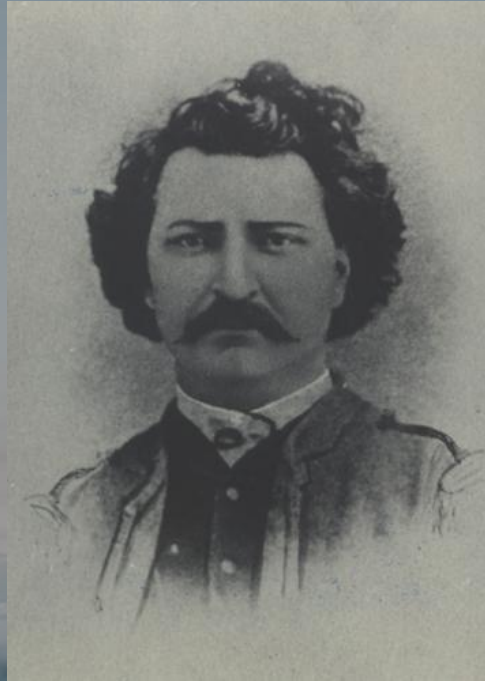
The entire registry process of the Métis Nation of Alberta is designed to ensure that this definition is maintained with integrity.

A photograph of a rustic wooden building with a blue door and a green bicycle leaning against it. The building's walls are made of weathered, vertical wooden planks. The door is painted a faded blue and shows signs of age and wear. A green bicycle is leaning against the right side of the building. In the foreground, there is some green grass and small yellow flowers. The sky is visible through a central rectangular area, showing a bright sun and clouds.

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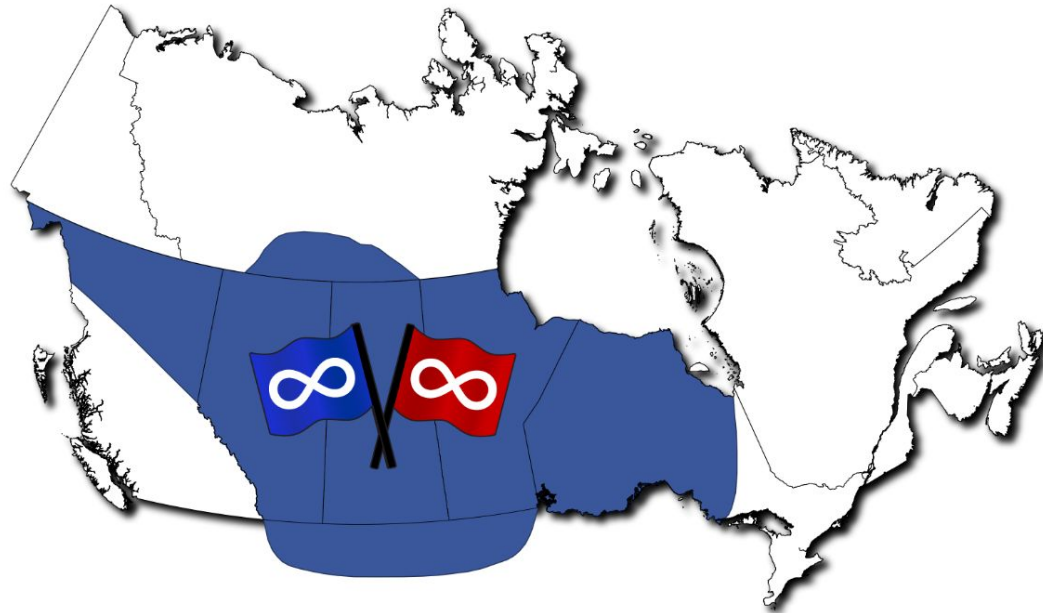
Who was Louis Riel?

- ✕ Louis Riel of French, and Chipewyan Métis descent
- ✕ Riel was very educated and training to become a priest
- ✕ He was unable to marry his first love because her parents would not allow it because of his Indigenous ancestry



- ✕ Riel felt he had a special mission to defend his people, their lands and culture
- ✕ Riel was not against joining Canada and is a founding father of Manitoba
- ✕ Riel led two resistances against the federal government before being hanged for treason

Map of the Métis Homeland





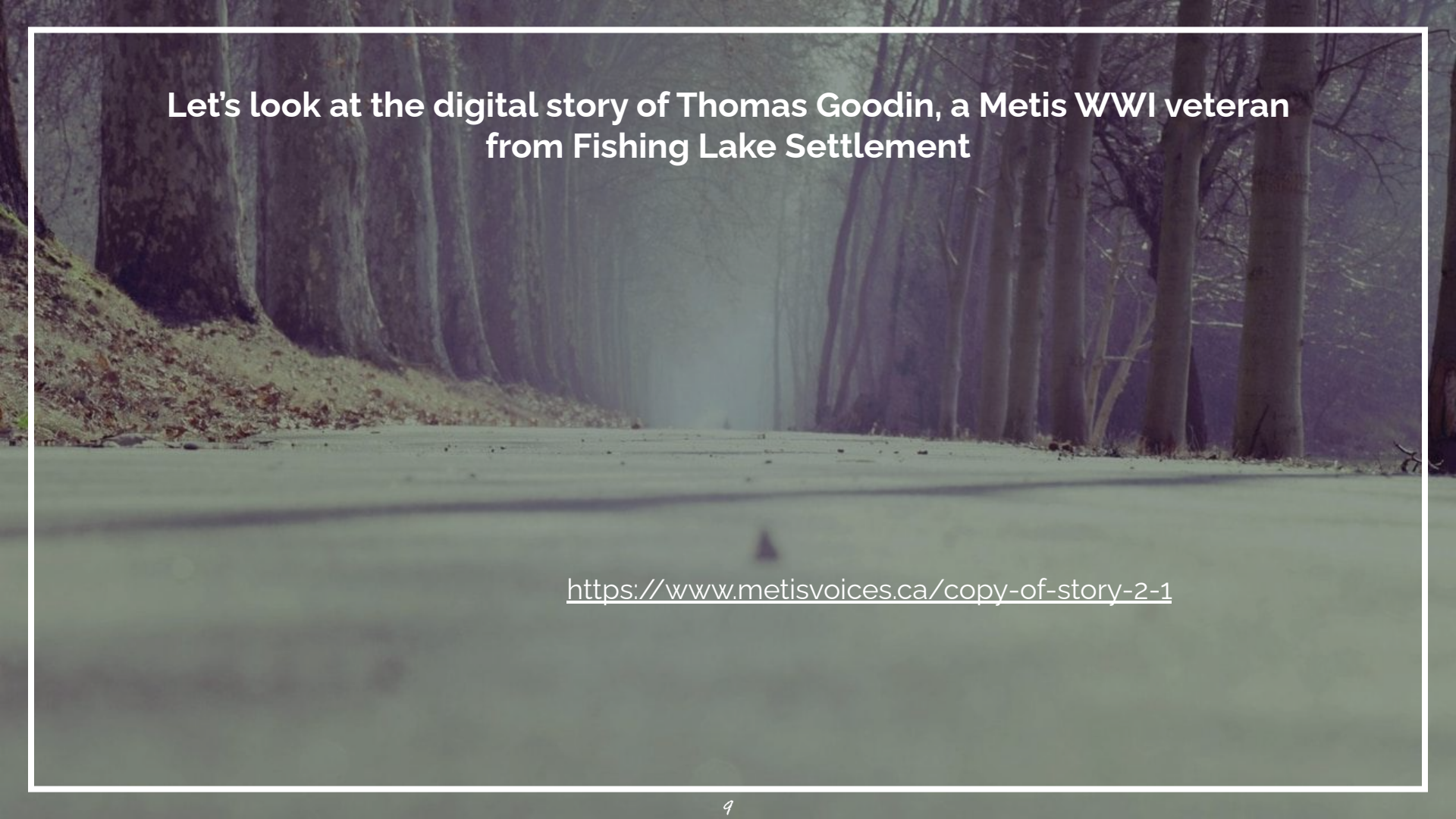
Why is it important to hear the stories
of Indigenous people like the Métis?

Why are stories important?

How do we know what we know?

What is digital storytelling?

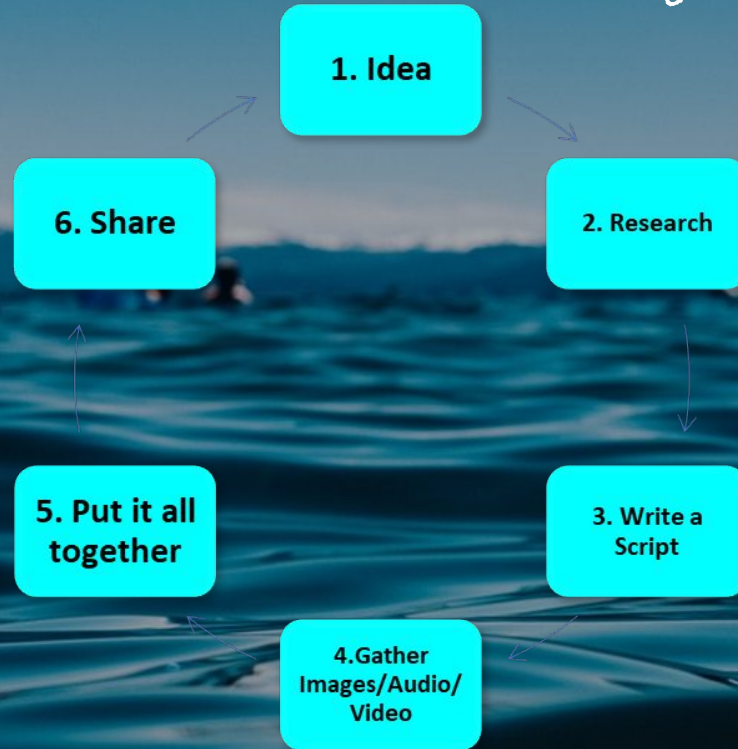
- ✕ Digital storytelling combines the art of telling stories with a mixture of digital media, including text, pictures, recorded audio narration, music and video.
- ✕ To tell a story that usually revolves around a specific theme or topic and often contains a particular point of view.
- ✕ Most digital stories are relatively, short with a length of between 2 and 10 minutes.

A misty forest scene with tall, thin trees and a path leading into the distance. The image has a purple and blue color cast, giving it a dreamlike or ethereal quality. The trees are mostly bare, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. The path is a light-colored, straight line that recedes into the foggy background.

**Let's look at the digital story of Thomas Goodin, a Metis WWI veteran
from Fishing Lake Settlement**

<https://www.metisvoices.ca/copy-of-story-2-1>

Now it is your turn to create a digital story...



Your digital story will include...



- ✕ Complete planning page first
- ✕ Images (can be your own or found online)
- ✕ Music or audio
- ✕ Must be 2-5 minutes in length
- ✕ Can be a TikTok or iMovie created on your device
- ✕ The theme is a story about you or your family
- ✕ Why is that story important?
- ✕ What does that story mean to you?

Here is an example of a Jik Tok that I made...

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/41x8akVrLlk>

The Power of a Story.