

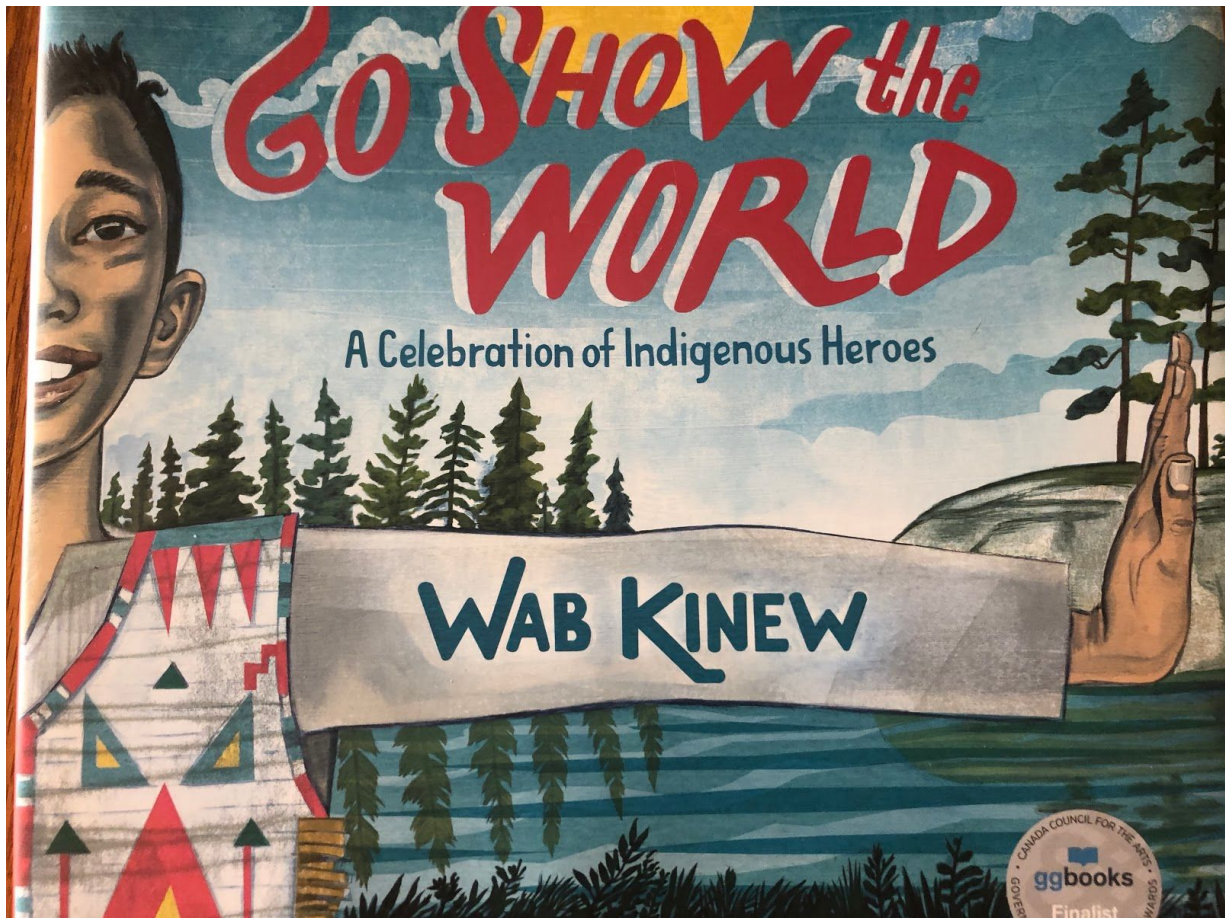
Go Show the World
A Celebration of Indigenous Heroes by Wab Kinew
Indigenous Bio Poem Lesson (Intermediate/High School)

Step 1: Watch the following video to learn more about Indigenous Peoples.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEzjA5RoLv0>

Step 2: Listen to the read aloud “*Go Show the World - A Celebration of Indigenous Heroes*” by Wab Kinew <https://youtu.be/bqxa0ejp3FE>

Intent: As you listen to the book, do you recognize any Indigenous heroes?



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Step 3: Look over the simple biographies of Indigenous heroes written by Wab Kinew in the book - “*Go Show the World- A Celebration of Indigenous Heroes*”. Select one hero to be the focus for your bio poem.

Brief Indigenous Biographies

Sacagawea (1788-1812)

Was a Shoshone woman who acted as a guide, advisor and negotiator for the American travelers Lewis and Clark on their expedition. She carried her newborn baby along on the journey and connected Indigenous peoples and knowledge with a growing America.

Jim Thorpe (1887 -1953)

Was a Sac and Fox man who was voted the Greatest Athlete of the first fifty years of the twentieth century by the Associated Press. He was an Olympic Gold Medal-winning pentathlete and decathlete, pro football player, pro basketball player and pro baseball player.

Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte (1865-1915)

Was an Omaha woman who was one of the first Indigenous physicians at a time when even being a female doctor was uncommon. She traveled to Victorian women’s societies to raise money for her medical education, then returned home to improve the health of her people.

Beatrice Culleton Mosionier (1949-Present)

Is a Métis author from Canada who courageously wrote the seminal novel “In Search of April Raintree” in 1953. It is based in part on her own experiences growing up in foster care and helped many to begin understanding issues in the child welfare system and of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

Francis Pegahmagabow (1889-1952)

Was an Anishinaabe soldier who was the most highly decorated First Nations soldier in Canadian military history; he is said to have been the most effective sniper of World War I. He returned home and became chief of Wasauksing First Nation, fighting for his people’s civil rights in Canada.

Te-Wau-Zee (Around 1879)

Whose name means Yellow Buffalo Woman, was the matriarch of the Camp family of the Ponca Nation who were forcibly relocated in 1879 to their present day home in Oklahoma. She was told by the soldiers she could only bring what she could carry, so she hid four sweat lodge rocks in her belongings and walked hundreds of miles with them. She did this so her descendants would still be able to practice their culture. The Camp family still proudly practices the Ponca culture and goes to sweat lodges today.

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Dr. Evan Adams (1968- Present)

Is a Two Spirit physician and public health official from Sliammon First Nation in British Columbia, Canada. He is also a well-respected actor who has appeared in movies like Smoke Signals and many theater productions. Today he works as the chief medical officer for the B.C. First Nations Health Authority.

John Herrington (1958-Present)

Chickasaw Man who became the first Native American to fly in space. On his thirteen-day mission in 2002 he brought with him the official flag of the Chickasaw Nation and completed three space walks. He wrote a book about his experience called Mission in Space, which includes both English and Chickasaw words. He is also a retired U.S. Naval Pilot.

Carey Price (1987-Present)

Is an NHL goalie and member of the Ulkatcho First Nation. He has won many NHL awards, including both the Vezina Trophy for top goaltender of the year and the Hart Trophy for NHL MVP. In 2014, he helped Canada win a gold medal in Ice Hockey at the Winter Olympics, where he was also named the tournament's top goaltender.

Waneek Horn-Miller (1975-Present)

Is a Mohawk woman who was stabbed by an army soldier's bayonet when she was fourteen during the Oka crisis in Quebec. In spite of this, she represented Team Canada as captain of the water polo team at the 2000 Olympics and won a gold medal at the 1999 Pan Am games.

Tecumseh (1768-1813)

Was a Shawnee leader who unified dozens of nations to defend their homelands and way of life. He helped defend what is now called Canada from invasions during the first year of the War of 1812. His words are still quoted as inspiration by soldiers and warriors to this day.

Crazy Horse (1842-1877)

Or Thasunjke Witko in his native tongue, was an Oglala Lakota war chief who participated in many battles during his career. He scored one of the biggest Indigenous victories ever by defeating the U.S. Cavalry at the Battle of Little Big Horn in 1876. As a young man, he had a vision in which he was taught to paint his face with a lightning bolt for protection while fighting.

Net-no-kwa (Around 1750)

Was an Odawa woman who was a spiritual and political leader and chief of her clan. She adopted a non-Indigenous boy named John Tanner and raised him as her own. He chose to stay with Net-no-kwa's people as an adult and wrote about their way of life.

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Step 4. Use the information from Wab Kinew's biographies to complete the chart below to create a bio poem. You may also research to find out more information.

What is a bio poem?

A bio poem is a simple poem written about a person. It does not have to rhyme.

Indigenous Hero Bio Poem Chart Creator

Add your own information about the Indigenous Hero that you have chosen to the chart below.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Adjectives that describe your hero</u></p> <p>Ex: Strong Proud</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Family members / Relations</u></p> <p>Ex. Father of Son of Daughter of</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Who loved - lover of</u></p> <p>Ex. Acting Hockey Family</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Who feels / Who felt</u></p> <p>Ex. The need to protect The passion to make things right</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p><u>Who needs</u></p>	<p><u>Who would like to be remembered for Who</u></p>


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<p>Ex.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Justice A sense of pride</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>is remembered for</u></p> <p>Ex. Their work Their medals</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Who fears</u></p> <p>Ex. Addiction Poverty</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Who gives</u></p> <p>Ex. To those in need Love to his family Pride to his people</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Who would like to see</u></p> <p>Ex. The end of homelessness Addiction end His culture remembered</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Resident of</u></p> <p>Ex. Maple Ridge, B.C. Katzie First Nation</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

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Step 5. Use information from the chart above to create a bio poem. Use the example below of Adam Beach to write a bio poem.

Steps	Example
Picture of an Indigenous hero	
First Name of your Hero	<i>Adam</i>
List four traits that describe your hero - Adjectives that describe your hero	<i>Resilient, Strong, Passionate, and Caring</i>
List one or two relations -	<i>Son of Sally and Dennis Beach, brother to two young men, and father of three</i>
Lover of (list three things or people that your hero is passionate about) -	<i>Lover of acting, his culture, and his family</i>
Who feels	<i>Who feels protected by his spirit bear</i>
Who needs	<i>Who needs to continue perfecting his craft of acting, sharing his talent, and showing others that he is a true Indigenous hero</i>

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Who would like to be remembered for	<i>Who would like to be remembered for his work in Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee, Windtalkers, and Flags of Our Fathers</i>
Who fears	<i>Who fears addiction and the loss of his culture</i>
Who gives	<i>Who gives back to his people and his community</i>
Who would like to see (list three things, places etc..)	<i>Who would like to see the end of poverty, addiction dissipate and the pride of his people flourish</i>
Resident of ...(where you live)	<i>Who was a resident of Dog Creek First Nation Reserve, Manitoba, Canada</i>
Your hero's last name	<i>Beach</i>

Steps	An Indigenous hero
Picture of an Indigenous hero	

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First Name of your Hero	
List four traits that describe your hero - Adjectives that describe your hero	
List one or two relations	
Lover of (list three things or people that your hero is passionate about)	
Who feels	
Who needs	
Who would like to be remembered for	
Who fears	
Who gives	
Who would like to see (list three things, places etc..)	
Resident of ...(where you live)	
Your hero's last name	