## Traditional Métis Culture in Canada

Finding patterns



### Image: Métis Nation of Alberta

# Patterns in Métis Cuture



### What patterns do you see?



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### What patterns do you see?









### Image: CBC News

### What do you know about Métis culture?

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# How was the sash used in Métis Culture?



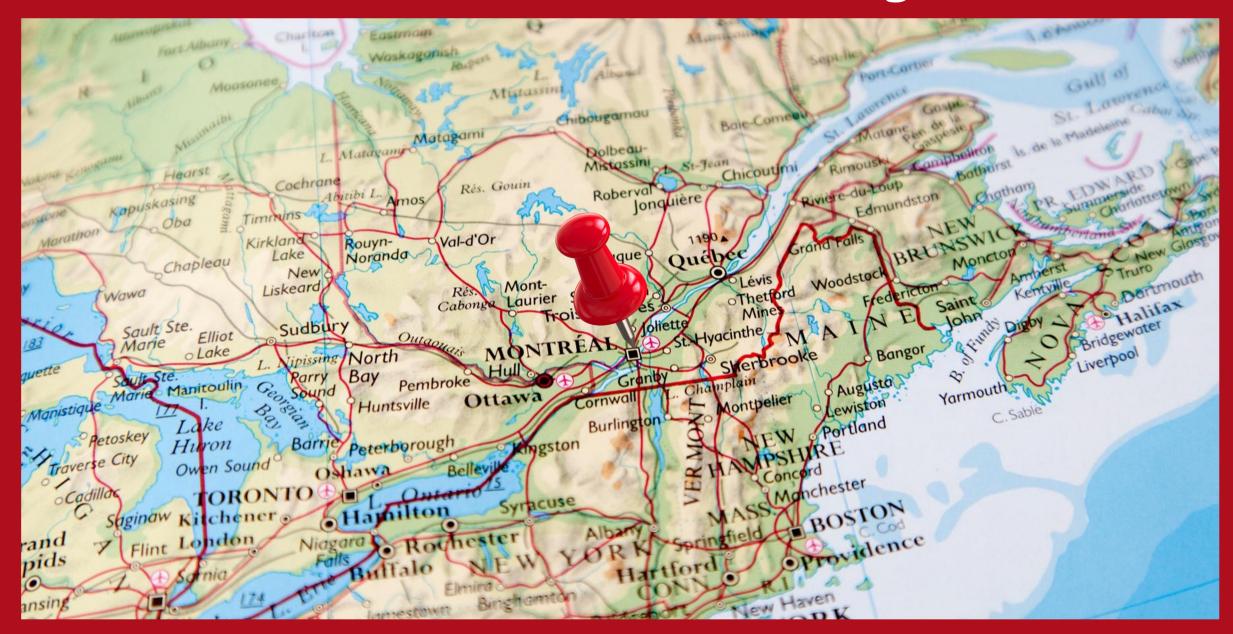
### Let's listen to Elder Elize Hartley's experiences with the sash.

https://youtu.be/z2hj8YA03T4?si=rdwii5uUTUJ



### The sash used to be called the "Assomption sash". It was named after the town Assomption in the province of Quebec. This is

# where the sashes were made during the fur trade.



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The Michif words for sash is "Â la sayncheur flayshii". In French, it is called "un ceinture flechée", which means "arrowed belt" METIS NATION OF ALBERTA REGION 1



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What did the Métis people use the sash for? The sash was used for everything that needed to be tied together or held for a long period of time, such as:

> 1. Tools 2. Sewing needles

3. Bundles of fur

4. Food

### Let's learn more about the sash with the Rupertsland Centre for Teaching and Learning!

### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7TeEt5qa0Q

## What do the colors in the sash mean?







### Represents the blood of the Métis people. This blood was lost while fighting for their people.

Métis people are brave and strong.



# White

- Represents the connection the Métis
- people have to the earth and the Creator.
  - Métis people are peaceful and close to nature.





### Represents the depth of the Métis spirit.

Métis people take care of their hearts and minds.





### Represents the prospect of prosperity for the Métis people.

Métis people have faith that good things can happen.





# Represents the fertility of the Métis nation.

### Métis people took care of Mother Earth. Only using what they needed and always giving thanks.





# Represents the dark period of the suppression and dispossession of the Métis land.

Métis people kept going when things were hard and sad for their people. <u>https://traceassociates.ca/the-msash/</u>

