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?

https://youtu.be/CHEvER2W3Lg?si=yMa5XSzYavc

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How was the sash used in Métis Culture?



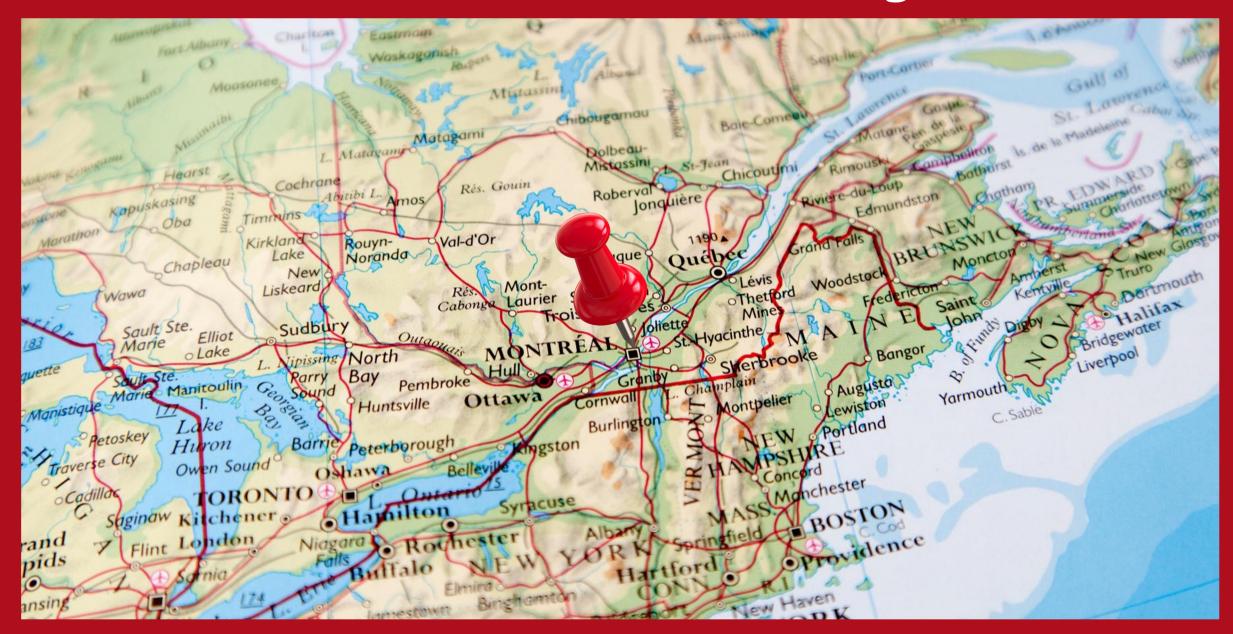
Let's listen to Elder Elize Hartley's experiences with the sash.

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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>

