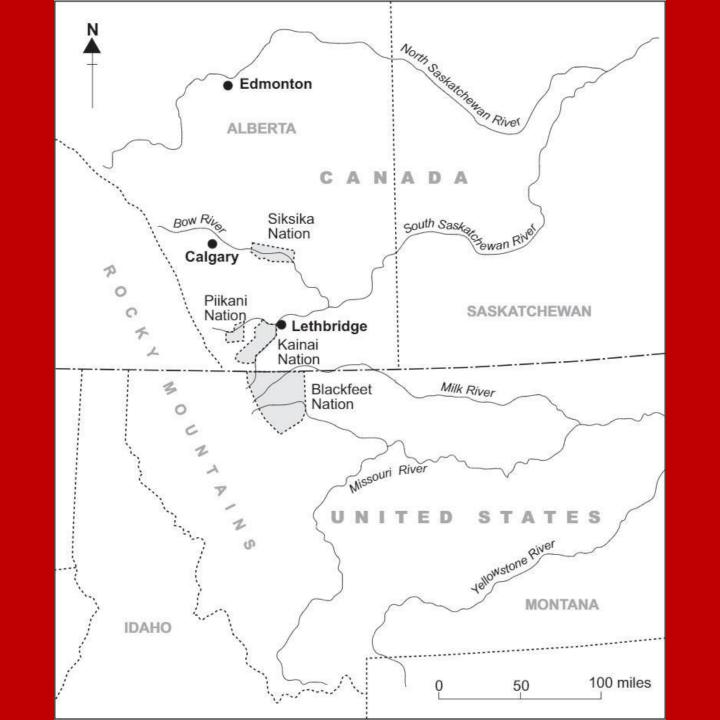
Upholding Indigenous Lawsand Ceremony – Gai'na's perspective

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Creation stories Teachings values, beliefs, traditions and customs

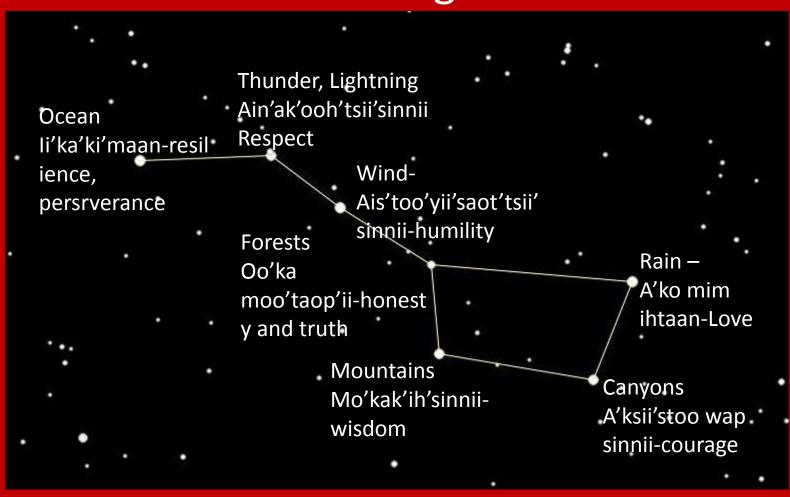
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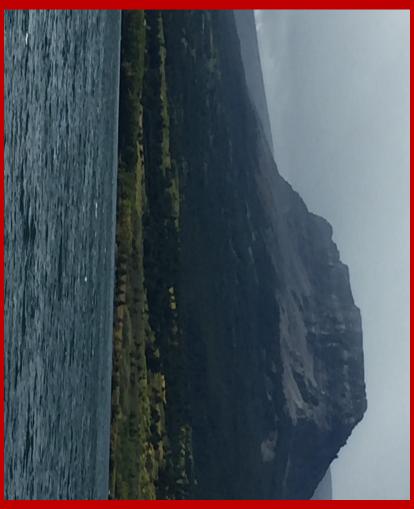
Sacred places –writing on Stone





Chief Mountain – wife of Chief Mountain





Sweet grass hills- created by Napbii



Balance – Equality; Forgiveness –revenge; Cooperation-competition; selfishness-sharing; objectivity - subjectivity



Sundance Ceremonies- held every summer since time immemorial



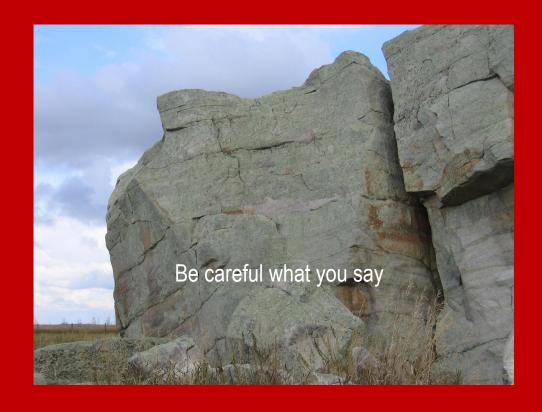
Teachings -Napi and the rock

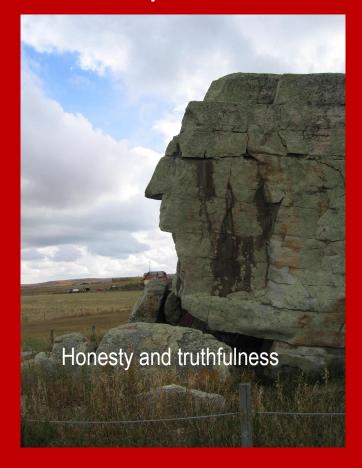
• A story that refers to the connection of where we live since time immemorial



Sacred places

• Napi and the Rock –Okotoks – Respect and Humility





Canada outlaws —1895 Sundances

Gai'na – continues with ceremonies, leaving "making of a warrior ceremony" out of the conventional and traditional ceremony

Ceremonial food offerings withheld – buffalo tongues, were replaced with beef tongues

Mid '80's piercing component of Gai'na sundances repatriated

SUPREME COURT OF CANADA Citation: Tsilhqot'in Nation v. British Columbia, 2014 SCC 44, [2014] 2 S.C.R. 256

Date: 20140626 Docket: 34986

- A. The Legal Characterization of Aboriginal Title
- [69] The starting point in characterizing the legal nature of Aboriginal title is Dickson J.'s concurring judgment in Guerin, discussed earlier. At the time of assertion of European sovereignty, the Crown acquired radical or underlying title to all the land in the province. This Crown title, however, was burdened by the pre-existing legal rights of Aboriginal people who occupied and used the land sprior to European arrival. The doctrine of terra nullius (that no one owned the land prior to European assertion of sovereignty) never applied in Canada, as confirmed by the Royal Proclamation of 1763. The Aboriginal interest in land that burdens the Crown's underlying title is an independent legal interest, which gives rise to a fiduciary duty on the part of the Crown.

Foundations of our Identity

Christianity is believed to have started some 2000 years ago, it's a belief created by humans

Doctrine of Discovery 1452

"...invade, search out, capture, vanquish, and subdue all Saracens and pagans whatsoever, and other enemies of Christ wheresoever placed, and the kingdoms, dukedoms, principalities, dominions, possessions, and all movable and immovable goods whatsoever held and possessed by them and to reduce their persons to perpetual slavery, and to apply and appropriate to himself and his successors the kingdoms, dukedoms, counties, principalities, dominions, possessions, and goods, and to convert them to his and their use and profit"

- Pope Nicholas V (Papal Bull 1452)

- Our origins of creationsnaturally
- Creation Stories from time immemorial
- Sources Na'pbii natosi Sun
- -Koo'koo' mii'kii'soom moon
- - Ihkii'tsii'kamiks Stars, big dipper
- Our sacred places mountains

Principles, values, beliefs & teachings

A'ko mim ihtaan-A'ksii'stoo wap sinnii-Mo'kak'ih'sinnii-Oo'ka moo'taop'ii-Ais'too'yii'saot'tsii' sinnii-Ain'ak'ooh'tsii'sinnii Lightning Ii'ka'ki'maan-resilience

Love courage
wisdom
honesty and truth
humility
Respect

Rain –
Canyons
Mountains
Forests
Wind
Thunder &

persrverance

Ocean