

## Standing Rock #2017 Thanksgiving School & Educational Resources

[Mní Wičhóni Nakíčžiŋ Owáyawa](#), which means “Water is Life” in Lakota, is the school for youth at Standing Rock. They have a website with videos of their school, including this wonderful three minute [video](#) featuring the students. Their efforts continue, and demonstrate some of the great ways to educate and support indigenous youth and to protect the environment. If you want to see photographs and updated information or share pictures of your own educational efforts, they have a [Facebook page](#).

### Resources

To educate and talk with youth about how your community can have a more meaningful Thanksgiving inspired by the values and people at Standing Rock, you may want additional resources for information. Here are some we have found on a range of topics to kick start ideas. We look forward to learning more and others share with us.

#StandingRockSyllabus. Built for use in K-12 schools, community centers, & workshops. Standing Rock and the ongoing defense of Native lands and waters provides an opportunity for educators of all ages—learn from it, teach with it. [“#StandingRock Syllabus.”](#) by New York City Stands with Standing Rock Collective

Reconsider how to evaluate Christopher Columbus and other figures who have been revered in history books of the past. [“Teaching Kids About Thanksgiving or Columbus? They Deserve the Real Story.”](#) PBS News Hour

“Thanksgiving”/holiday conversation placemat. An excellent discussion model for older kids and young adults who want to engage current events:  
[A placemat guide for holiday discussions on race and justice for loved ones](#), SURJ

Six pieces of advice, a great resource for educators & friends to think about how to reboot Thanksgiving and to imagine the best the holiday might offer all of us:  
[“Talking to Young Children About Thanksgiving.”](#) ICTMN Staff

Fact sheet on Standing Rock: [“Background on the Dakota Access Pipeline”](#)

5 things to share with kids about protest and recommended kids books:  
[“Talking to kids about protesting - 5 things I want my kids to know.”](#) *We Stories blog*

A collection of stories & profiles on Native American women (environmentalists, artists, lawmakers, leaders, healers, etc.): [Native Daughters magazine and Curriculum Guide](#)

[“15 Indigenous Women on the Frontlines of Dakota Access Pipeline.”](#) Women’s Earth & Climate Action Network

[“Native American Issues & Teaching Activities.”](#) Teaching a People’s History, Zinn Education Project

**Standing Rock Thanksgiving Boulder Resources** provides a list of indigenous and environmental organizations in Boulder, Colorado and area-organizations who have fundraised in support of Standing Rock and continue to work on environmental justice efforts. See the [BoulderTalks](#) website for a copy.



**See Standing Rock Thanksgiving Talking Points for more ideas, including values, Standing Rock facts, and questions for discussion.**

This handout was written by [BoulderTalks](#), fostering community and knowledge through democratic engagement.