

GRADES 9 TO 12 – SAMPLE ACTIVITY OF LESSON PLAN **on Truth and Reconciliation: What is it about?**

Teaching resources — Secondary Grades*

ACTIVITY 2 — EXPLORING THE IDEA OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Objectives

- Help students better understand the idea of truth and reconciliation.
- Define the terms TRUTH and RECONCILIATION to help students better understand what they actually mean.
- Develop empathy and understanding in acknowledging that reconciliation is necessary.

A few ideas

- a) Invite an artist who creates “dream catchers” to explain what these works represent. Then ask students to make their own, based on what they learned during the awareness activities and the artist’s presentation. Have students present their dream catcher based on what they understand about truth and reconciliation. After, the dream catchers can be presented and handed out at a friendship circle or to Indigenous students.
- b) In an effort to define truth and reconciliation, ask students to find magazine images or photos that illustrate the impact of residential schools. Have teams of students create a mosaic with what they’ve collected.
- d) Have your students listen to reports or documentaries on the history of residential schools, then put them into teams to produce their own brief documentary or news item on truth and reconciliation; see the example in the References and Resources section.
- f) Explain the concept of scrapbooking and ask teams of students to assemble an album based on the theme of truth and reconciliation.

*It is important to note that the activities themselves are part of larger lesson plans that are in the final stages of approval (they are being piloted by some teachers across the country) and we are hopeful that aside from very minor tweaks, these completed lesson plans will be available on the *Teacher Resources’* section of [Imagineaction](#) as of March 1st.