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# Mi'kmaq People on PEI



# My Community



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My community is Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. It is a relatively small town.

The land I live on primarily consists of forests, fields, and beaches.

My land is also one of the ancestral homes of the Mi'kmaq people

The land claims of PEI are uncertain, but the Mi'kmaq hold a title to the island, and the government collaborates with them.

# Language



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Today, only about 4% of the Mi'kmaq population, 168,420 people, identify as speakers of the Mi'kmaq language.

The Mi'kmaq language was written using hieroglyphic Writing, though now mainly uses the latin alphabet. It is the oldest native writing system of north america north of mexico.

Some Mi'kmaq Phrases Include:

Gwe' - Hello

Me'talein? - How are you?

# Spiritual Beliefs



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Mi'kmaq spirituality is very closely connected with the natural world. They believe that living a good, balanced life means living in harmony with the people and creatures of the earth.

Mi'kmaq culture includes figures like Glooscap, who is said to have formed the Annapolis valley by sleeping on the land and using Prince Edward Island as his pillow.

The Creator of the world is The Great Spirit.

# Customs and Traditions



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Art and Music are both very important parts of Mi'kmaq culture. Traditional forms of art such as rock painting and quillwork continue to exist today.

Traditional songs and chants will be sung at spiritual rituals, feasts, gatherings (mawiomi), and powwows.

Oral tradition is important to the Mi'kmaq. Stories are passed down.

# Foods and Medicines



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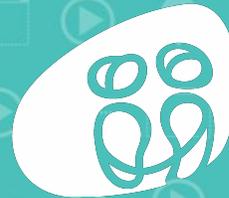
Herbal Medicine was widely available to the Mi'kmaq people. These came in many forms such as poultices and drinks. Many were cures, but many were also preventative.

Some Examples:

Ground Juniper - good for kidney ailments and bladder infections. The twigs are cut off at the end and boiled to create a tonic.

White Spruce - The branches and bark are used to make a tonic for colds, tuberculosis, and laryngitis

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