

OUR CULTURE

AN INDIGENOUS WAY OF LIFE

Did you know that there are three groups of Indigenous Peoples in Canada? They are First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

Our **culture** is reflected in our way of life, and we like to celebrate the heritage given to us by our ancestors. **Indigenous languages** are made up of **several** language families. If we wanted to refer to all the First Nations in Algonquian, we would use the word "**anicinabec.**" Algonquian is one of the many Indigenous language families. Each language family includes a number of related languages. For example, the **Beaver** and **Tahltan** languages are part of the great **Athabaskan** language family.

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MANY MÉTIS SPEAK **MICHIF!**

MANY INUIT SPEAK **INUKTUT!**



Today, **culture** is the key to **our pride**. Indigenous languages, history and culture are taught by our **families**, our **Elders** and our **teachers**. In 1999, the first Indigenous television network in the world was launched. The **APTN** or **Aboriginal Peoples Television Network**, has given Indigenous people like us a great opportunity to share our stories on television with the rest of the country on a regular basis. For all Canadians, this network is like a window looking out onto the incredibly diverse world of Indigenous peoples in Canada and other countries.