

# Activity Idea

## LEARNING ABOUT LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Recommended for Teens Ages 13 - 17



A **Land Acknowledgement** is a formal statement that recognizes indigenous peoples as the traditional stewards of the land we live on and respects the important and long-standing relationship between people, culture, and land. Land Acknowledgements are a way to express gratitude and appreciation for the people who have been living and working on the land for thousands of years and continue to do so today. Land acknowledgements are not only about the history of the land, but also help us to recognize the impact of ongoing colonialism and the historical relevance of our participation in it.

Use the resources below to learn more about writing and delivering Land Acknowledgements.

- *Land Acknowledgement: You're on California Indian Land, Now What?*  
California State University, San Marcos  
[www.csusm.edu/cicsc/land.pdf](http://www.csusm.edu/cicsc/land.pdf)
- *A Guide to Indigenous Land Acknowledgement*  
Native Governance Center  
[nativegov.org/a-guide-to-indigenous-land-acknowledgment](http://nativegov.org/a-guide-to-indigenous-land-acknowledgment)

### MORE TO EXPLORE

*Native Land:* Look up your city and/or place of birth to figure out which Native, First Nation, and/or Indigenous peoples territory boundary your city belongs to. [tinyurl.com/y9p7qyix](http://tinyurl.com/y9p7qyix)

*Mapping the Tongva Villages of L.A.'s Past (Los Angeles Times):* [tinyurl.com/ykpb96y](http://tinyurl.com/ykpb96y)

### BOOKS BY NATIVE AMERICAN AUTHORS

Find these books and more by Indigenous authors at [Catalog.LACountyLibrary.org](http://Catalog.LACountyLibrary.org):

- *#NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women* by Mary Beth Leatherdale, editor
- *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley
- *Fire Starters* by Jennifer Storm
- *If I Ever Get Out of Here* by Eric Gainsworth
- *The Marrow Thieves* by Cherie Dimaline
- *This Place: 150 Years Retold* by Kateri Akiwenzie-Damm