

Viewer's Guide

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH VIRTUAL FILM FEST

How People Got Fire (NR) Viewer's Guide

Recommended for a general audience

A short, animated film about Tish, a young girl who loves to draw and listen to Grandma Kay's stories. You'll soon find out from Grandma Kay how fire was obtained.

Stream the film here: <https://tinyurl.com/yxf43ds9>

Movie Resources:

Film review (School Library Journal)

<https://tinyurl.com/yynfzm6j>

Essay and critique of film (Assay Journal)

<https://tinyurl.com/y55e3se3>

Discussion Questions/Guide:

- Is there a storyteller or elder in your life you enjoy hearing stories from?
- Grandma Kay told the kids that they could learn more from her stories than at school. Why do you think she said that?
- Why are there two different styles of animation and two different narrators?
- What is the importance of fire in this film?
- Though Tish enjoys hearing stories of the past and drawing about them, she narrates that "now will never be now again." And ends with, "There's only one story. It's big. Now." What do you think she means by that?

Study guide (The National Film Board of Canada)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4mgbq2n>

Watch-A-Likes:

Raven Tales: Raven and the First People (Hoopla)

<https://tinyurl.com/y45x83c8>

Wapos Bay (Kanopy)

<https://tinyurl.com/yy3nhe4a>



Other Resources:

Selection of Tlingit resources such as stories, myths, and photographs (Biblioboard)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3373q4q>

The People and Culture of the Tlingit by Raymond Bial (Hoopla)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5e7rpqx>

Life Lived Like a Story: Life Stories of Three Yukon Native Elders by Julie Cruikshank (book)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2nfuplk>

Brief biography of Elizabeth Peratrovich (Biography in Context)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2rbqm4c>

Fighter in Velvet Gloves: Alaska Civil Rights Hero Elizabeth Peratrovich (book)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4s52s7u>

Shanyaak'utlaax by Johnny Marks (picture book)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyck5uw4>