

# MY HISTORY WAS BUT A MYSTERY

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MY HISTORY, MY LANGUAGE, MY CULTURE, MY ANCESTORS. THEY ARE ALL PART OF WHO I AM TODAY, NO, THEY ARE WHO I AM TODAY. THROUGHOUT THESE PAST FEW WEEKS I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE, CULTURE, PRACTICES, AND COLONIAL STRUGGLES, BUT IN ALL REALITY, I HAVE LEARNED MORE ABOUT MYSELF AND WHERE I COME FROM THAN ANYTHING.

MY HISTORY WAS JUST A MYSTERY WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED AND TODAY, RIGHT AT THIS MOMENT, THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT I HAVE DONE. WHEN WATCHING THESE FILMS IN CLASS AND READING DANCING ON OUR TURTLE'S BACK BY LEANNE SIMPSON, I COULD NOT HELP BUT RELATE MYSELF AND CURRENT SITUATIONS TO MANY INDIVIDUALS. I REALIZED THAT HISTORY IS JUST REPEATING ITSELF.