

RESOURCES FOR CHELSEA REGION NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY				
<i>This resource list was compiled as a few places to start exploring Native American history of this area, along with arenas of activism that extend beyond Michigan. We used basic, mostly online research, not exhaustive investigation. We have briefly annotated the list items from publicly available material in order it help people select materials that may fit their interests, but cannot fully validate the facts and conclusions of the authors and other content providers. The list is not exhaustive, but rather invitational!</i>				
NAME	LOCATION	WEBSITE OR PAGE LINK	DESCRIPTION	NOTES
Museums and Related Venues				
The Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center	5153 Marsh Rd, Okemos, MI 48864	https://www.nokomis.org/	Preservation of History, Arts, Culture and Language of the Anishinaabe people - Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi nations. The Center fulfills this mission through programs, exhibitions and special events.	Open Fridays/Saturdays 10-3
<u>Eddy Discovery Center</u>	17030 Bush Road, Chelsea MI 48118	https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79133_79207_81176---,00.html	In addition to the geology presentations, the exhibit hall features habitat types and plant communities that were common prior to European settlement, along with a display of the Burg Collection -- a large collection of fluted spear points and related tools used by the Paleo-Indian hunter -- and other cultural history artifacts, including a dugout canoe. See link at right for the history of the Burg Collection. Check website for changing open hours.	https://chelseaupdate.com/those-who-were-there/
<u>4 Must-See Native American Cultural Sites (per "Pure Michigan" website</u>	See website	https://www.michigan.org/article/trip-idea/4-must-see-native-american-cultural-sites	Thumbnail description and links to each of 4 museum sites.	The closest of these sites to Chelsea is Mt. Pleasant
Research Aids				
MSU Libraries: Native American Studies Research Guide: Michigan's American Indian Heritage		https://libguides.lib.msu.edu/c.php?g=95603&p=624366	This is an encyclopedic but well arranged research guide that includes a variety of topics, media (books, documentaries, feature films etc). A few selected choices from this guide are below, but checking out the whole site is recommended.	A few selected choices from this guide are below, but checking out the whole site is recommended.
Articles and books				
"Native Americans in the Great Lakes Region"	MSU Libraries	https://project.geo.msu.edu/geogmich/paleo-indian.html	Brief, easily readable article synthesized from several primary and secondary historical sources, focusing mostly on 17th-19th centuries. Includes multiple references to this part of MI.	

Native American History in Detroit"	See web page	https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/native-american-history-in-detroit.htm	Brief overview article provided by the National Park Service	
"Can Detroit return its brownfields to the indigenous sacred sites they once were?" in Bridge Magazine reprinted from Yes! Magazine	See web pages.	https://www.bridgemi.com/urban-affairs/can-detroit-return-its-brownfields-indigenous-sacred-sites-they-once-were	Bridge Magazine 10.27.2021 -- https://www.bridgemi.com/	https://www.yesmagazine.org/
<i>The Indians of Washtenaw County</i> by W.B. Hinsdale	Book available online via U-M library system	https://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=moaatxt;idno=3933309.0001.001	Published in 1927 by WB Hinsdale. Hinsdale was a faculty member in Medicine and an avid amateur anthropologist and historian of Native Americans.	Unsurprisingly for the time, he seems to have both considered the Native Americans as "beneath" the "civilized" settlers, and at the same time had admiration/appreciation for them, and had some sense of the negative impact of Whites on them. He used a lot of archeological info as well as US government documents on the tribes to form his narrative.
<i>Rites of Conquest: The History and Culture of Michigan's Native Americans</i> by Charles E. Cleland	Book available thru retail outlets, University of Michigan Press, libraries, etc	https://www.press.umich.edu/23695/rites_of_conquest/?s=description	Described by U Michigan Press as "A comprehensive and readable history of Native Americans in the Upper Great Lakes region"	Available via Chelsea District Library
The History and Culture of Michigan's Native Americans by Charles E. Cleland	MSU and U-M libraries. Copy also available thru CDL	Not available digitally.	38 page booklet/monograph, perhaps a prelude/forerunner of his book, cited just above	
A FEW NON-MICHIGAN RESOURCES				
Challenging Traditional/Mainstream US History				
<i>An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States</i> by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz			This text takes on the omission from mainstream "American History" that largely omitted the centuries-long genocidal program of the US policy and settler practice. Spanning more than 400 years, this bottom-up peoples' history radically reframes US history vis-a-vis America's Indigenous People.	
Teaching Aids				
<i>Rethinking Columbus: The Next 500 Years</i>, Edited by Bill Begelow and Bob Peterson, Expanded Second Edition	See web page	https://rethinkingschools.org/books/rethinking-columbus-expanded-second-edition/	More than 80 essays, poems, interviews, historical vignettes, and lesson plans reevaluate the myth of Columbus and issues of indigenous rights; includes useful teaching ideas for kindergarten through college.	
See also Native Movement Resources page below.				

Native Movements and Advocacy				
<p>https://www.nativemovement.org/ --This site devoted to advocacy for Indigenous People and healthy, sustainable, & just communities has a comprehensive "Resources" page, given in the wweb-page column, at right.</p>	<p>See web "Resources" web page, right.</p>	<p>https://www.nativemovement.org/resources</p>	<p>This is a comprehensive resource list on issues of decolonization and Native Movement advocacy, including books, films, podcasts, websites, teaching curricula and more.</p>	
<p>The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition. This Coalition was created in 2012 to develop and implement a national strategy that increases public awareness and cultivates healing for the profound trauma experienced by individuals, families, communities, American Indian and Alaska Native Nations resulting from the U.S. adoption and implementation of the Boarding School Policy of 1869.</p>	<p>See web page.</p>	<p>https://boardingschoolhealing.org/education/</p>	<p>This "Education" page of the website includes history, stories, and a link recommended reading and curriculum materials.</p>	