# The Seven Grandfather Teachings in Writing your Research Paper

Anishinaabe Values applied to the research process in academics

### Truth



Critically evaluate what you read in light of

- What you already know about the topic 1.
- Your honest experience and biases with the subject Who the author is and what they represent 2.
- 3.
- Speak your Truth! 4.

# Humility



In your interpretation of the research

- 1. Exaggerating results can be akin to false representation
- 2. Be fair to the research of others in how you use, interpret, quote
- 3. Thoroughly explain the concepts of the research
- 4. Claim only your work, not the work of others

# Honesty



Show integrity in your work by

- 1. Not copying the work of others called plagiarism
- 2. Collecting enough sources to provide a good basis for your argument
- 3. Understand the information and present it honestly in your report
- 4. Be specific, make sure the information used is relevant to your purpose
- 5. Cite your sources accurately and thoroughly

#### Love



Choose a subject that matters to you

- Make it important to understand your research Keep it interesting follow what is meaningful to you Care about how your work will impact others
- 3.
- Use research to improve your community 4.

#### Wisdom



Use your research wisely

- 1. Think about what the research results say
- 2. Consider how the results support or conflict with your research
- 3. Explain what you have learned from your research
- 4. What do you recommend others do to advance your subject in further research

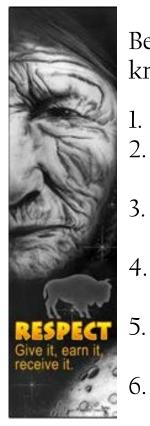
## Courage



Your ideas matter

- 1. Learn the best way to express yourself in writing
- 2. Support your ideas with peer reviewed research
- 3. Cite your sources so others see you are using quality information
- 4. Believe in the work you can do to share your voice
- 5. Speak and write to your assignment and to your community

#### Respect



Begin with the credible sources and end with your critical knowledge of the subject

- 1. Use the best sources for information for your research
- 2. Understand that not all internet sources are true or credible
- 3. Search the Library catalog for peer-reviewed articles and books
- 4. Request what will help your research from Resource Sharing
  - Critically think about your subject and the resources you have found
  - Write your evaluation of the research, cite your sources, and quote other's work

# Library Resources Online and on the Shelves:

- The Bezhigoogahbow Library's Online Catalog has well over 1 million credible and peer-reviewed journal articles and internet resources for you to use.
- If the library doesn't have it at your fingertips, it can be ordered through Resource Sharing - talk to the librarian.
- The Library can be a resource for more than books stop in and ask for help on your project at any stage.

#### Tips for your research ~

Keep your subject simple, but not too specific, for best results in researching.

Follow your research: if the research leads you in a new direction chances are it's a good direction to follow. Keep it in your area of interest, and let your interest guide you.

Be sure to give credit where credit is due - You would not want someone else to copy your work and take credit for the time you put in on it. Cite your sources.