

# 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

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

# 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

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

# 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
5. Critically think about your subject and the resources you have found
6. 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.