The Uniting Our Nations - Literacy Test Preparation is a resource for teachers providing English lessons that use Indigenous materials to increase literacy skills which support the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

**OBJECTIVES**

- Encourage discussion around culture and issues affecting Indigenous youth
- Expose youth to a range of literature sources written by Indigenous authors and journalists
- Increase critical literacy skills while analyzing systemic issues affecting Indigenous youth
- Encourage exploration of healthy coping strategies, resiliency, and healthy relationships

**OVERVIEW**

- Organized in three sections:
  - Non-fiction articles focusing on literacy,
  - Small group novel activities, and
  - Short stories
- Identifies a larger issue being discussed (e.g., bullying, identity, conflict) and includes introductions and materials for pre-activities, teaching strategies, and extension ideas
- Includes rubrics for assessment and evaluation

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Exposes systemic injustices
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