

DSWORDCC Heritage & Cultural Studies

Heritage, Language, & Culture

A collection of historical, cultural, and educational resources exploring Acadian, Mi'kmaq, Basque, Aquitanian, Greek, and Old New England heritage.

Acadian Heritage

Acadian Deportation (Le Grand Dérangement)

The forced removal of Acadians from their homelands during the mid-18th century remains one of the defining events of Acadian history and identity.

Resources

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIBJL5JOKTI>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6igWKqFsXQ>

Runners of the Woods

Coueurs des Bois

The *Coueurs des Bois* were independent French and Acadian fur traders, explorers, guides, and woodsmen who traveled throughout North America and helped shape early frontier history.

Resources

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwJHMEHkaPg>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rnq6KxxEvOc>

Family Heritage

Edward Charles Cowdrey

Family history, genealogy, and cultural heritage studies.

Mother Lineage: Old New England Soule Family

Alice Josephine Soule

Out of Vermont

The Soule family traces its roots to early colonial New England and the passengers of the Mayflower.

Resource

- <https://themayflowersociety.org/passenger-profile/passenger-profiles/the-soule-family/>

Acadians & Mi'kmaq

The relationship between Acadian and Mi'kmaq communities represents a unique history of cooperation, cultural exchange, resilience, and survival.

Mi'kmaq Culture & Resistance

Resource

- <https://nscs.learnridge.com/topic/mi-kmaq-culture-and-resilience/>

Basque Studies

The Basque people represent one of Europe's oldest continuous cultures, with a language and identity that predates many modern European nations.

Basque Country

Resource

- <https://thelandofthebasques.com/what-is-the-basque-country/>

Basque Cultural Resources

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T36o4tXBPBY&t=73s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HohaMZPEEKY>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1RWyMVNzDE>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZ9QZTvDbFY>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBNF8cBSNR8>
- <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/o4DpXuWrGco>

Languages & Linguistics

Euskara Batua

The standardized form of the Basque language used throughout the Basque Country.

Resources

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T36o4tXBPBY&t=73s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HohaMZPEEkY>

Occitan & Regional Dialects

Occitan is a Romance language historically spoken across southern France and neighboring regions.

Aquitani

The Aquitani were an ancient people inhabiting southwestern Gaul, believed by many historians to share cultural and linguistic connections with the ancestors of the Basque people.

Resource

- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aquitani>

Arcadia

Ancient Arcadia was a mountainous region of Greece known for its pastoral traditions and enduring influence on literature, philosophy, and cultural identity.

Resource

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arcadia_\(region\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arcadia_(region))

Greeks in Pre-Roman Gaul

Historical evidence suggests the presence of Greek colonies, trade networks, and cultural influence throughout portions of pre-Roman Gaul (modern France).

Resources

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greeks_in_pre-Roman_Gaul
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9F23fgzNbO4>

Acadians, Basques, Mi'kmaq & Atlantic History

The histories of the Acadian, Mi'kmaq, Basque, Aquitanian, and Atlantic coastal peoples intersect through centuries of trade, migration, exploration, language, resistance, and cultural preservation.

Together, these traditions contribute to a greater understanding of:

- Maritime history
- Cultural resilience
- Indigenous-European relations
- Language preservation
- Migration and diaspora
- Community identity
- Family heritage

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Topics of Study

- Acadian History
- Acadian Deportation
- Coureurs des Bois
- Soule Family Heritage
- Old New England Genealogy
- Mi'kmaq Culture
- Basque Culture
- Euskara Batua
- Occitan Language
- Aquitani
- Arcadia
- Greeks in Pre-Roman Gaul
- Atlantic World History
- Cultural Preservation & Resistance

"To understand where we are going, we must first understand where we have come from."

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