

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Every Child Matters

September 30th



From **1831-1996**, approx. **150,000** Métis, Inuit and First Nations children were taken from their homes and forced to attend residential schools across Canada



The end of September is the time of year the children were removed from their communities and homes



The schools disconnected children from their children and traditions by “civilizing” them and forcing them to adopt Christianity



The schools were a breeding ground for emotional, physical and sexual abuse



In **2015**, The Indian Residential School system was officially deemed “cultural genocide”



Over **6,000** children died attending the schools



Sources:

<https://www.orangeshirtday.org>

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