# Introduction to *Indian Horse*

1. Read chapter one together
2. Each person in your group is assigned one question each. You are to write **point form notes** for your answers and use **ONLY** the material on my blog as your source.

Your answers will be on a group Office 365 Powerpoint. Each person has TWO-THREE slides each. Include images as much as you can. **Because you only have 2-3 slides, you must summarize your information.**

1. Research a brief history of Richard Wagamese. Include
   1. Birth and death dates
   2. Where he grew up and then lived as an adult
   3. Childhood experiences that may have affected his writing
   4. Cultural Background
   5. His journey to becoming an author
   6. Other facts that you think would influence his writing.
2. The history of the Ojibwe people from 17th Century to the 19th Century. “*Our ancestors learned to travel easily through territories that the Zhanagush, the white man, later feared and sought our help to navigate*”.
   1. The Ojibwe people are part of a larger cultural group. Briefly explain the connections.
   2. Economy- what was their relationship with the early Europeans?
   3. What was their primary diet?
   4. Explain why these people migrated.
3. Spirituality of the Ojibwe people. “*Our legends tell of how we emerged from the womb of our Mother the Earth; Aki is the name we have for her.” “Our people have rituals and ceremonies meant to bring us vision*.”
   1. How did the Ojibwe practice their spirituality?
   2. What are some key terms they used for their beliefs and what did they mean? Eg. Manitou
   3. How did the missionaries affect their spirituality?
4. Where did the Ojibwe people live? “*We made our home in the territories along the Winnipeg River, where the river opens wide before crossing into Manitoba after it leaves Lake of the Woods and rugged spine of Northern Ontario*.”
   1. Include a map of this area. This can be a screen shot from google maps or an image found on the internet.
   2. Find images of the landforms of this area. Look for images of the lakes, rivers, forest but be sure they are from this area. “…waving grasses that thatch the edges of our bays… granite ridges that rise above our homeland”

**#5 is only if you have five people in your group.**

1. Research what the “Indian Act” was and how it affected the First Peoples of Canada.
   1. Define the “Indian Act”
   2. What were its principal policies in 1876?
   3. How has it changed since then?
   4. Its purpose was to assimilate the First Nations into Colonial culture. Which of the rules do you think have left the most negative legacy on the people? Choose three from the CBC article and explain your reasoning. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/21-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-indian-act-1.3533613>

**Assessment**

**2/ for completion**

**2/ for relevant images.** No watermarks. Good quality images. Fit the slides well

**2/ correct information.** You have done the research correctly