# Buffalo & Seals (an example to discuss)

#### **1LS 1.3 Skills and Procedures**

Identify products made by various cultures, including local First Nations, Métis, or Inuit, that use plant and animal parts.

Ask students if they have any artifacts in their home made from an animal or plant. Where did it come from? How do they use it? What is its story?

#### **Buffalo Uses**



This drawing shows how completely the Plains Indians such as the Blackfoot, Blood, Dakota Peigan and Sarcee depended on the bison (artwork by Gordon Miller).

Source: https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/buffalo-hunt

Learning how buffalo parts were used (teacher information) <a href="https://umanitoba.ca/current-students/first-year/um-commons/spirit-of-the-bison">https://umanitoba.ca/current-students/first-year/um-commons/spirit-of-the-bison</a>

North American Indians used all parts of the bison when it was killed. Although North American practice vary slightly from the Plains Indians of the Canada, generally te indigenous practice was ro use all parts of the buffalo. The following link is related to North American practice: <a href="https://allaboutbison.com/what-part-of-the-bison-was-used/">https://allaboutbison.com/what-part-of-the-bison-was-used/</a>

The Sacred Plants would be another possible discussion especially if your school has provisions for smudging either when you enter or at the beginning of meetings etc.

#### Seal Hunts - a Part of Life

Mushg like the Buffalo providing life giving support and sustenance to the plains indians, the Inuit look to the seal for life giving gifts.

https://proudlyindigenouscrafts.com/2022/04/05/the-seal-part-of-traditions-and-cultural-heritage/

## Bertha Skye "The Value of Native Medicine Part 1

Elder Bertha does a great job of informing us what plants can be used to keep us healthy. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGC">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGC</a> djLC-PU

### Bertha Skye "The Value of Native Medicine Part 2"

Elder Bertha describes how plants for medicines are harvested and by whom. <a href="https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=Bq28stpX5eU">https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=Bq28stpX5eU</a>