



MINECRAFT

EDUCATION EDITION

MANITO AHBEE AKI: THE PLACE WHERE THE CREATOR SITS

Student Guide – Phase 1

Student Guide Overview

As a member of the Anishinaabe Nation, you will receive teachings about the environment, including traditional materials for crafting long established items. You will explore a sacred site called Manito Ahbee, located in Manitoba's western Whiteshell area and discover some of the abundant wildlife of the region.

There are three phases in Manito Ahbee Aki.

Phase 1: Explore Manito Ahbee Aki

Phase 2: Travel to Manito Ahbee (Petroforms) and Gather and Craft

Phase 3: Design a Community and Establish Food Sovereignty

Meet the In Game Guides:



Knowledge Keepers:



Look for these icons:

- ❖ Knowledge Keeper teachings
- ✓ Challenges to complete in the world
- Things to gather and craft
- Things to plan and think about to be successful in the world



Phase 1: Explore Manito Ahbee Aki

Adventure Mode; multi or single player

Student Objectives:

Imagine you are a member of the Anishinaabe community living on Turtle Island 5000 years ago before European contact. This challenge allows you to explore your home and learn valuable information and teachings from the Knowledge Keepers.

Visit the Knowledge Keepers for teachings on the following:

- ❖ Sema (Tobacco) – Grandmother Chickadee
- ❖ Skkode (Fire) – Knowledge Keeper Vern
- ❖ Giizhiko (sky) and Giizis (sun) to determine direction – Knowledge Keeper Isaak

Plan

- Your Minecraft inventory will include tobacco, camera, journal and quill and berries. Use the camera and a journal to document your findings as you explore.

Do:

- ✓ Review the land acknowledgement boards and explore the environment and location.
- ✓ Record the x, y and z coordinates of the land acknowledgement boards at the Forks.
- ✓ Take photos with the in-game camera as you go. Using the journal, insert the photos and describe any discoveries including vegetation and animals you recognize and don't recognize
- ✓ Describe the design of a tipi. What are the important considerations for building a tipi?
- ✓ List three adjective to describe this place and how it makes you feel, giving reason for your choice
- ✓ Describe why it's importance to give semaa to receive teachings?

Helpful tip: Place rocks or branches on the ground to help you remember directions.

- Keewatinong (north)
- Zhaawanong (south)
- Wabaanoong (east)
- Ningabwenoong (west)

