

**ROLE MODEL BIO:** *Dakota Bear is a Saskatoon-born, Vancouver-based Indigenous hip-hop artist and activist. His melodic rhymes carry stories of Indigenous peoples across Canada leaving listeners enlightened, inspired and instant fans of his music and message. His performances range from audiences of 30,000 (Global Climate Strike with Greta Thunberg, Downtown Vancouver, October 2019) to inspirational performances for youth in remote communities in Northern Canada. His work with Idle No More, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirited Peoples and the Global Climate Strike movement has intertwined his music with international social justice movements and connected him with fans across the country. He's shared stages with legendary greats like Bone Thugs n Harmony, Redman & Methodman, TechN9ne and more.*

**LEARNING GOALS:**

- I will make connections between a role model's life experiences and my own

**SUCCESS CRITERIA:**

- I can identify 3 specific actions that helped Dakota achieve his goals
- I can connect examples of these themes to my actions in my own life

**IDENTIFY** *Some of the themes below are discussed in the Fireside Chat with Dakota Bear.*

*motivation & goal setting  
mentorship*

*entrepreneurship  
community*

*positive influences  
mental health*

*positive influences  
risk taking*

How have these themes have been present in Dakota's life?

- Listen to the interview
- Record notes of relevant themes and examples

**CONNECT** *Reflect on your own journey. Where do these themes appear in your own life?*

**Discuss with a friend or family member. Record your connections in writing, drawing or with music.**

**"Always try new things, step outside your comfort zone. It may not feel comfortable. At first you may feel nervous, but go with your instinct, follow your heart and follow your dreams".**

- Dakota Bear

**EXTEND**

*Dakota calls himself a Warrior Entrepreneur because of how his work uplifts the values of Indigenous people and cultures.*

***What values from your upbringing can you act on in your future work?***