

ROLE MODEL BIO: Senator Yvonne Boyer is a member of the Métis Nation of Ontario with her ancestral roots in the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and the Red River. With a background in nursing, including in the operating room, she has over 21 years of experience practicing law and publishing extensively on the topics of Indigenous health and how Aboriginal rights and treaty law intersects on the health of First Nations, Metis and Inuit people. She is a member of the Law Society of Ontario and the Law Society of Saskatchewan and received her Bachelor of Laws from the University of Saskatchewan, and her Master of Laws and Doctor of Laws from the University of Ottawa. In 2013, she completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship with the Indigenous Peoples' Health Research Centre at the University of Regina. She is a former Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Health and Wellness at Brandon University. In addition to running her own law practice, she came to the Senate of Canada from the University of Ottawa, where she was the Associate Director for the Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics and a part time professor in the Faculty of Law.. Senator Boyer is one of eight people from across Canada chosen to be a holographic narrator in the Turning Points for Humanity Gallery at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg. Her ongoing work has been recognized with numerous awards including a 2018 Honorary Doctorate in Education from Nipissing University.

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 Yvonne achieve their 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 Yvonne Boyer

Indigenous health	rights & law	motherhood	asking for help
connection to community	finding your calling	connection to land	

How have these themes have been present in Yvonne'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.

“As indigenous people somehow you don’t think that you are actually deserving of it, you didn’t quite do it well enough or something. And that’s not at all true. I want to dispel that myth right off the hop!”

-Yvonne Boyer

EXTEND Senator Boyer believes in putting out intentions and asking for help from ancestors and the universe

How do you visualize your intentions? How do you put your thoughts out into the world? Try Yvonne’s method of writing down your questions and sleeping with them under your pillow.