



June 21, 2023

**New edition of the
Toonie released in
Canada on
National Indigenous
Peoples Day!**



Indigenous artists submitted designs for the coin. One person from each Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, Métis) group was selected.

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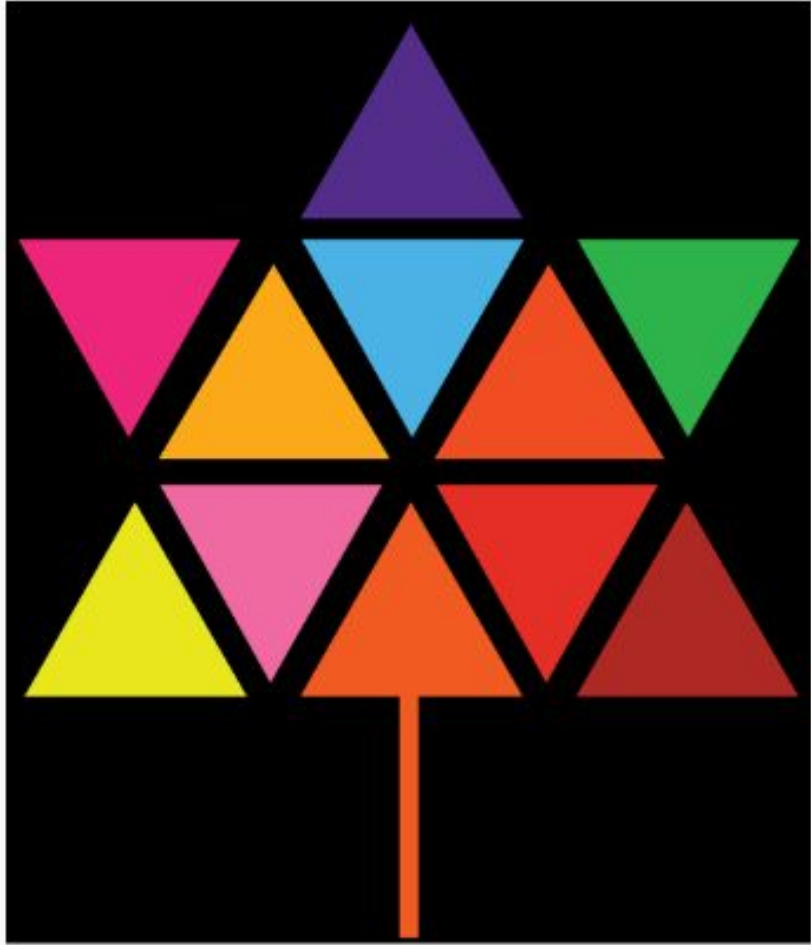
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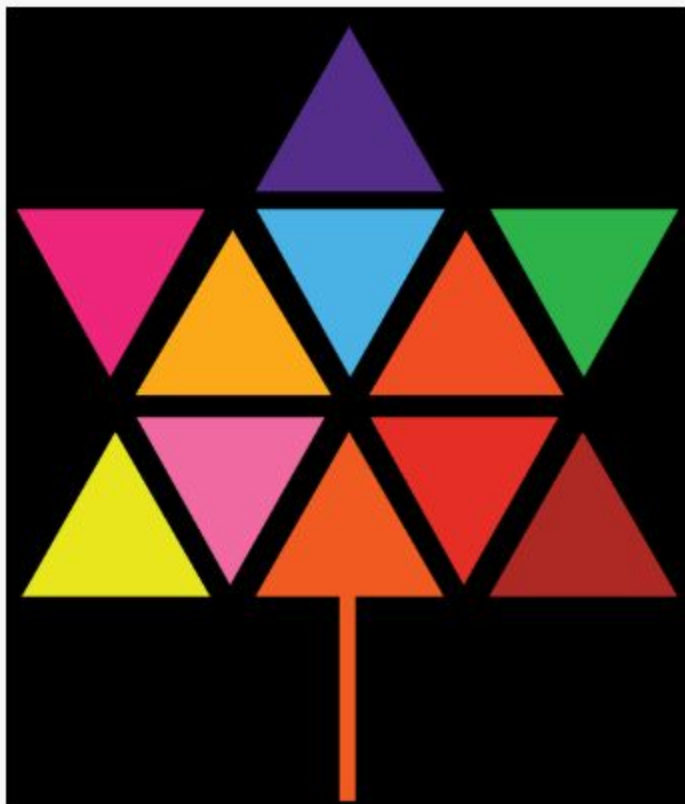
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The circulation coin has two versions, one that is colourful and another which is simply embossed. (Royal Canadian Mint)

**What do you think
this logo represents?**





Canada 1967 Centennial Logo

Logo of the centennial of Canadian Confederation, 1967.

Stuart Ash

Canada's Centennial Celebrations, 1967

- Celebrations for Canada's 100th year as a country took place throughout the country, starting at midnight on January 1, 1967.
- The year's commemorations fell into two categories: monuments and activities.
- Expo 67 World's Fair in Montréal, was visited by 50 million people, and cost nearly 300 million dollars to create.
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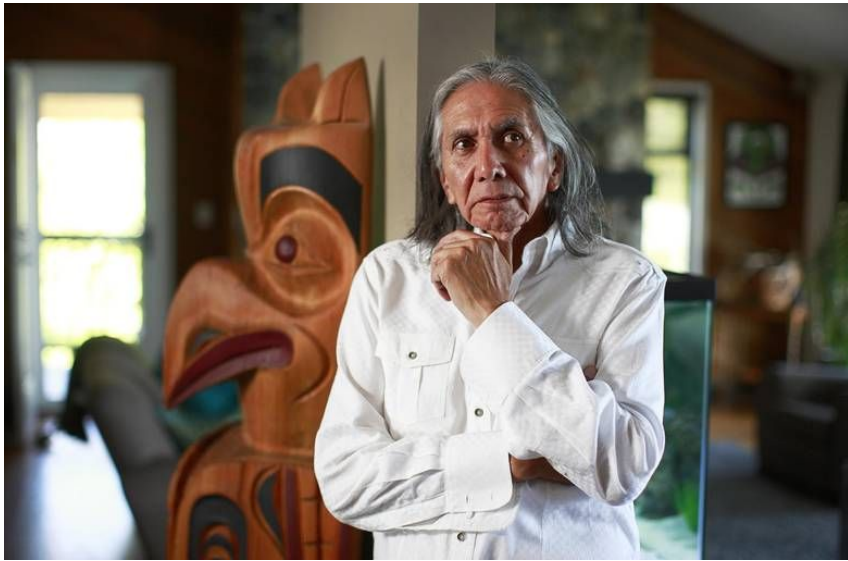
**WHAT DO YOU THINK CHIEF DAN GEORGE WOULD
INCLUDE IN HIS SPEECH?**



Chief Dan George's powerful Indigenous rights speech, 50 years later

By APTN National News

Jun 28, 2017



Leonard George
Son of Chief Dan George

“As Canada celebrates its 150th birthday, George’s family and friends are urging Canadians to reflect on his words.

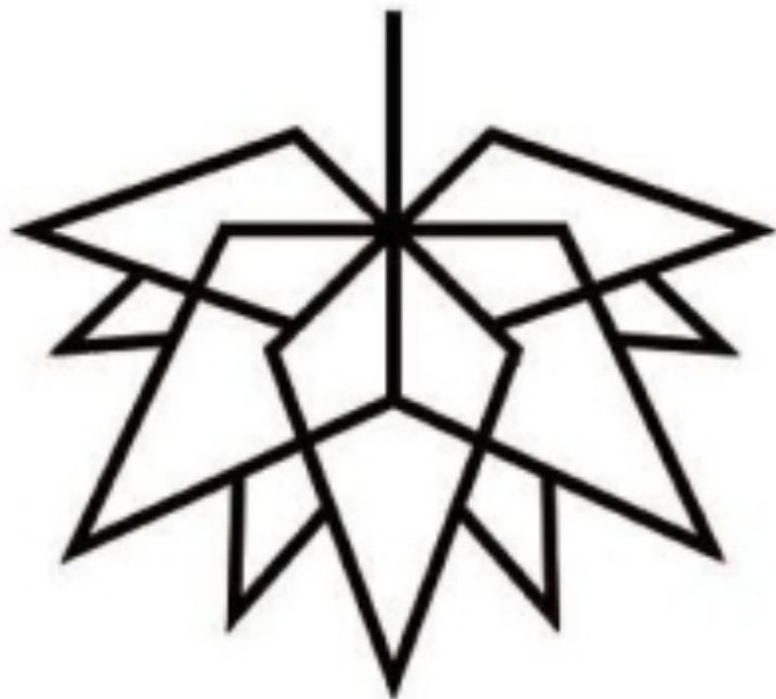
They say while the government’s treatment of Aboriginal Peoples has not changed much, First Nations themselves have risen up in many of the ways he predicted.”

From:

<https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/chief-dan-georges-powerful-indigenous-rights-speech-50-years-later/>



CANADA 150
1867-2017



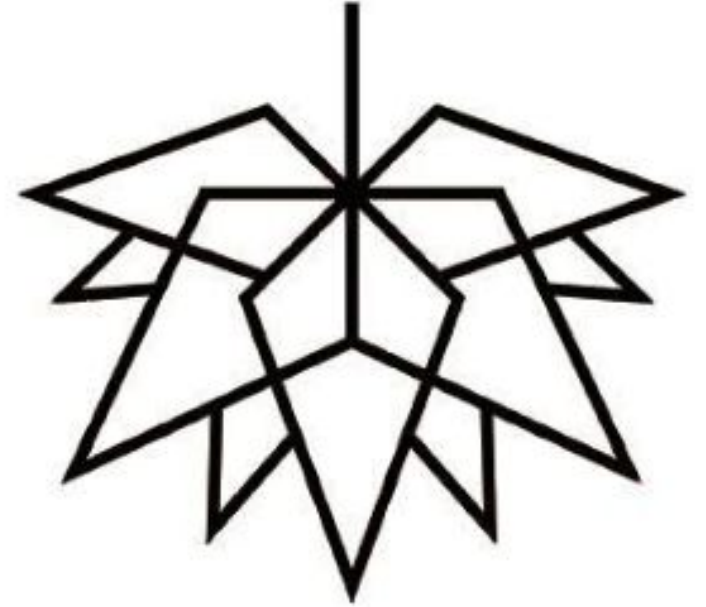
COLONIALISM 150

Eric Ritskes has created an alternate Canada 150 logo, which instead reads, "Colonialism 150."

Looking back at Expo 67 celebrations in Montreal, he sees echoes in how Indigenous artists of the time used the celebrations as a platform to try to create a new relationship with Canada.

"Here we are 50 years later looking at that and that really didn't materialize," says Ritskes, the editor of the journal, *Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education & Society*.

"It's quite striking to me that 50 years ago we had a very similar discussion as we're having right now about Canada 150."



COLONIALISM 150

Art designed by Eric Ritskes. (Eric Ritskes)

Christi Belcourt is a Métis visual artist and one of the creators of the hashtag [#Resistance150](#).

"I find it really insulting that there are 10,000 or 20,000 years of history in this continent," she tells Anna Maria Tremonti.

"Yet Canadians are going to celebrate their 150 completely erasing and ignoring the thousands of years of Indigenous experience."



“[We want] to highlight the history of resistance, resilience, rebellion, resurgence and restoration.”

- Christi Belcourt

Part 3: Indigenous Activism

In 1967, Chief Dan George was able to share his speech to 32,000 people at Canada's centennial celebration in Vancouver. His wife urged him to write a speech that shared what it is like to be First Nations in Canada.

A speech would be one of the few ways to share truths and realities for Indigenous Peoples at this time.

Brainstorm: How are Indigenous Peoples able to share their voices today in 2023? Record your answers here.



CHIEF DAN GEORGE

1890 - 1981

HIS HINDS SERVED US THE BEST

GEORGE IV

Alouin Mémorial

V. 206

DANIEL PAUL

1890 - 1981