Subject Area & Grade: Grade 3 Math: Spatial Sense

Curriculum Link: Use maps and cardinal directions (north, south, east, and west) to locate and describe the relative location of places.

Learning Goal: Students are learning to use a map of Canada and cardinal directions (north, south, east, and west) to locate Indigenous veterans' monuments and memorials across Canada.

Learning Activity:

Ask students:

- How are Indigenous veterans remembered today?
- Have you ever seen a statue, monument, or memorial?
- Why do communities build monuments and memorials?

Facilitate a discussion and guide students toward the understanding that monuments and memorials help us remember and honour people for their important contributions and sacrifices. They give people a place to pause, reflect, and learn about the past.

Today, we are going to explore how Indigenous veterans are remembered across Canada. Different provinces have monuments and memorials that honour Indigenous Peoples who served in the military. We will examine several of these monuments and locate them on a map of Canada to see where they are found.

Use the *Indigenous Monument Powerpoint Presentation* to go through some of these monuments and memorials.

To facilitate a class discussion, ask:

- In which province or territory is this monument located?
- Is this location east or west of Ontario?
- What symbols or images do you notice on the monument?
- Why do you think this monument was created?

Activity #1:

Photocopy the Canada map and the Symbols worksheets. Students will cut and paste each symbol onto the correct province or territory to show the locations of Indigenous veterans' monuments/memorials across Canada. Remind students to add a cardinal compass rose (north, south, east, and west) to their map. Don't forget to colour the map and include a title.

Activity #2:

Hand out the *Symbol and Cardinal Directions Worksheet*. Students will use their Canada map to complete the worksheet and reinforce their understanding of symbols and cardinal directions.