

TRANSCRIPT

To Whom Does This Concept Benefit, And Where Do People Of Colour Stand?

Episode 3: Traditions & Cultural Perseverance

(Soundscape audio starts: cinematic slow and mellow.)

Voice 1:

When you talk about Native religion, it's just a respect for all nature, the rivers... The trees... The air that we breathe... The sun that's shining today.

Voice 2:

What's in the news, the language of Kwanzaa is Swahili, and that is the way we greet during the season of Kwanzaa.

Voice 3:

As an African American celebration, it's about the fruits of our labour, the fruits that we bear when we come up with ideas.

(Sounds of the streets of Chengdu, China)

Voice 4:

The canoe, the birchbark canoe, the kayak. Snowshoes, toboggans, I mean the list is extraordinary.

The Aboriginal societies have developed things like potatoes and tomatoes, corn, beans and squash, tobacco. They had a whole range of leisure time activities.

Voice 5:

When I was growing up, I was taught in the history books that Africa had no history, and neither did I. That I was a savage, about whom the less said, the better. Who had been saved by Europe, and of course, I believed it. I didn't have much choice. Those were the only books there were.

(Soundscape fades out.)