

## 10 Important Things To Know About The CIRCLE



1. The **Circle** is the oldest symbol of the world.

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2. The **Circle** is a reminder of our connections to Mother Earth. The sun, moon and planets are all circles.

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3. The **Circle** is the symbol of the heartbeat of all people.

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4. A **Talking Circle** has long been a place where everyone is equal.

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5. In a **Talking Circle** everyone has a right to speak and the responsibility to listen with respect. Taking turns the honoured speaker holds a talking stick, feather or stone.

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6. The **Healing Circle** is where the heart can be unburdened and words of consolation can be freely spoken.

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7. **Sentencing Circles** are now used to address community disputes.

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8. **Circles** play an important part in Aboriginal art. Pow-wow dancers & Round Dances travel in a circular pattern.

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9. The first known Round Dances took place in a lodge called nanapawnikamovikamik or "night singing tipi," as part of small tribal gatherings. The tipi shape is like a **Circle**.

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10. " **Your words circle like soaring birds which never land. I will try to catch them and take them back for my people to hear.** "

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