

Buffy Sainte-Marie

A. Reading

Buffy Sainte-Marie is a Cree **singer** and songwriter. Her real name is Beverly, but she goes by Buffy. She is from Saskatchewan, Canada. She sings and writes songs about Indigenous issues. She also sings about love and war. Her song “Universal Soldier” (1964) is an anti-war anthem.

Buffy Sainte-Marie plays a lot of **instruments**. She plays the piano, the **harmonica**, the **ukulele**, and the guitar. She plays folk, country, and rock music.

Some kids from the 1970s and ‘80s know Buffy Sainte-Marie from Sesame Street TV! She is also a Juno **Award** winner.



Buffy Sainte-Marie cont.

B. Questions

1. What's her name?
 - a) Buffy
 - b) Becky
 - c) Marie
2. What Indigenous community is she part of?
 - a) Métis
 - b) Cree
 - c) Inuit
3. What type of artist is she?
 - a) a novelist
 - b) a visual artist
 - c) a singer and songwriter
4. What TV show do people know her from?
 - a) *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*
 - b) *Friends*
 - c) *Sesame Street*
5. "Universal Soldier" is a...
 - a) song
 - b) movie
 - c) TV show
6. What type of award does she have?
 - a) an Emmy
 - b) an Oscar
 - c) a Juno
7. Name 3 topics that she sings about.

8. Name 3 instruments that she plays.

9. Name 3 types of music that she plays.

Tanya Tagaq

A. Reading

Tanya Tagaq is an Inuk **throat** singer. She is from Nunavut, Canada. Unlike traditional Inuit throat singers, Tanya Tagaq does not have a singing **partner**. She is a **solo** artist. Her music sounds very modern.

Tanya Tagaq is also a writer. She likes to keep a journal. Her first book, *Split Tooth*, is partly true. It has some stories from her journal.

Tanya Tagaq is also a First Nations **activist** and a Member of the Order of Canada. She isn't just famous in Canada. She is an **international** star!



Tanya Tagaq cont.

B. Questions

1. What's her name?
 - a) Tammy
 - b) Tanya
 - c) Tara
2. What Indigenous community is she part of?
 - a) Inuit
 - b) Cree
 - c) Métis
3. What type of musician is she?
 - a) opera singer
 - b) throat singer
 - c) rock singer
4. Does she have a singing partner?
 - a) No, she is a solo artist.
 - b) No, she is in a band.
 - c) Yes, she has a partner.
5. *Split Tooth* is a...
 - a) singer
 - b) movie
 - c) book
6. Which best describes her music?
 - a) traditional
 - b) modern
 - c) soft
7. Does she keep a journal?

8. Is she famous in Canada?

9. Where else is she famous?

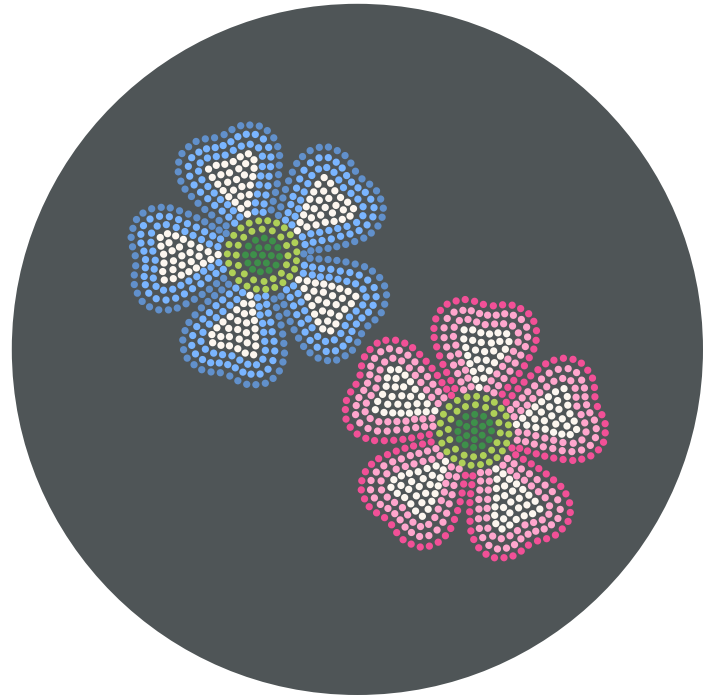
Christi Belcourt

A. Reading

Christi Belcourt is a Métis visual **artist**. Belcourt cares deeply about Indigenous people and the earth. Her **paintings** feature traditional Métis **floral beadwork**.

Christi Belcourt is a community artist. She leads group art projects, such as *Walking with Our Sisters*, a touring exhibit (2013–2019) for murdered and **missing** Indigenous women.

Christi Belcourt believes everything on Earth has one **spirit**. She listens to the land, plants, and animals for messages. She turns what she hears and sees into her art.



Christi Belcourt cont.

B. Questions

1. What's her name?
 - a) Christine
 - b) Christi
 - c) Christina
2. What Indigenous community is she part of?
 - a) Inuit
 - b) Cree
 - c) Métis
3. What type of artist is she?
 - a) visual artist
 - b) throat singer
 - c) novelist
4. What does traditional Métis beadwork look like?
 - a) It is floral.
 - b) It is modern.
 - c) It is painted.
5. Does Christi always work alone?
 - a) Yes, she is only a solo artist.
 - b) No, she is a community artist.
 - c) No, she has a partner.
6. What does she want to raise awareness about?
 - a) missing Indigenous women
 - b) murder in the US
 - c) art around the world
7. What does Christi believe about the earth?

8. What does Christi listen to for messages?

9. What does Christi turn these messages into?

