

Hello everyone and welcome to BuildAbility with The Cobblestone Collective and talking to the crate that we're going to be taking a look at the teacher-side of things and seeing how this cool new world can be effectively used in our classroom.

My name is Jonathan. I live here in Milton, Ontario, and I am a settler on Treaty #19. I'll hand it over to my partner to introduce himself.

Hi there. Thanks, Jonathan. I'm Dan Noble. I am currently in Waterloo, Ontario, Treaty #9. I am a global Minecraft mentor and Minecraft consultant. So I deal with all things Minecraft every day, all day long.

That's awesome, Dan. We're really excited to be here and showcase BuildAbility.

Before we get started, I'd like to do a land acknowledgement.

I am coming to you from the lands of the Mississauga of the Credit, which are Treaty #13a, Treaty #19 and Treaty #14. I know we all reside on different lands and it's important for us to research the lands in which we are settled on as treaty people.

I would like to recognize the knowledge that has always been here and that I'm thankful for the partnerships that I have formed and the learning that has been passed on to me from the Indigenous Elders and Community Members.

I particularly would like to acknowledge the Haudenosaunee, Anishinabek, Huron-Wendat, and Ojibwe/Chippewa people as well as the land that is home to the Métis and the Inuit, and of course, the Mississauga of the Credit, which is the closest community to where I live.

I do the territory acknowledgments as a way to offer recognition as a treaty person. I do it to repair my relationship with Indigenous Communities and with the land. The acknowledgement also honours the sovereign rights of these nations and the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action about honouring Indigenous People's historical and contemporary contributions to Canada.

When I think of land acknowledgments, I particularly think of the Indigenous students that I had the privilege of knowing and teaching. She reminded me of a Mi'kmaq word "Msit No'kmaq," meaning all my relations. It reminded me of how important connection is to people, as well as community and the land, and how we are all vital in creating that reconciliation. We are all needed in order to create reconciliation. So as we take time to reflect, I would like you to think about the relationships you have with the land, with community members and with Indigenous People that are across Canada. I would like you to think about what you are going to do to rebuild trust, truth and reconciliation with the land and the communities that you serve. Miigwech

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Inside the following videos, we will be: installing Minecraft: Education Edition, opening our BuildAbility world, navigating the world and looking at a co-taught lesson overview and reviewing the Educator Guide.

Awesome, Dan. These are gonna be short, quick videos that can help you as an educator. They will get you started with the new BuildAbility world. We'll see you over at video number one!