First Nations Historical Worldview

Tāpwēwakēyihtamōwin-pimātisiwin - cycle of life
“As long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the water flows”

Creator Māmawi wiyōhtawimāw
Ultimate spirit entity, the ruler/giver of all life

Sun
kišikāw pišim

Mother Earth
māmawi okāwimāw

Moon
tipiskāw pišim

Stars
acāhkosak

Elements used in First Nations ceremonies:
Rock, Wind, Fire, Water
ospwākan - pipe
oscopey - pipestem
pipe/stem represents truthfulness and honesty

Plant Life
kā-ohipiki

Small Life Forms
Insect Life
askīy kāwaskawihīcīk

Tobacco and smudges:
sweetgrass, sage and cedar,
Food, Medicine, Clothing,
Shelter, Tools

Water and Sky Life
ripīhk ka-ayācik &
opapāmihāwak

Land Life
Two- and Four-Legged
kā-nīsō ahpō
kā-nēwō kātēmakisicīk
pisiskōwak

Voice is important:
Oral tradition stems from this belief

Humanity
ayisiniwak

Tāpwēwakēyihtamōwinina - Beliefs:
hcāh-htayohkan - Spirit World
pēhtākosiwin - language:
pihātikiwahitw - animate
and inanimate
pihātikiwah - circle of life:
pihātikiwah - clockwise
htayohkēwin - legends:

All entities listed on the Worldview
are in relationship to Mother Earth.

#1 Learned Value:
Humility - tapahfēyimōwin
Honesty - kwayaskwātiswin
Care/Love - kisēwātiswin

Traditional teaching — learning takes place before birth:
The mother shapes the unborn child’s emotions, transfers feelings such as Love, Caring and Compassion.
Each part in this Worldview is a Teaching.
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