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Episode 8: "Aboriginal People and Resource Conflicts in Canada"

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The history of the resettlement of Canada by European peoples and the dispossession of Aboriginal people from their land was, in part, a struggle over natural resources. Since 1867 the federal and provincial governments of Canada have on many occasions come into conflict with different First Nations over the control of land and access to natural resources. This episode of *Nature's Past* looks at a historical case study of one such conflict in northeastern Ontario in the Temagami region.

Jocelyn Thorpe, who was a SSHRC postdoctoral research fellow in the Department of History at the University of British Columbia from 2008 to 2010, speaks about her work, in which she examined the social construction of the Temagami region as a wilderness area and its implications for the Teme-Augama Anishnabi.

Dorothee Schreiber and Siomonn Pulla, organizers of the 14th annual International Wanapitei Aboriginal History and Politics Colloquium, speak about the run up to the colloquium, which was held 17–20 September 2009.

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Further readings:

- Thorpe, Jocelyn. *Temagami's Tangled Wild: Race, Gender, and the Making of Canadian Nature*. Vancouver:

University of British Columbia Press, 2012.

- Thorpe, Jocelyn. "To Visit and to Cut Down: Tourism, Forestry, and the Social Construction of Nature in Twentieth-Century Northeastern Ontario." *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association* 19, no. 1 (2008): 331–357. [View article](#)

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