

# Gus Yaki

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To me, great leaders educate, help, instruct, and they envision. It is important to recognize the people who contribute and impact where we live. I believe this because it's important to educate young people about the past and how people made our lives better in the present.

Gus Yaki stood out to me, while I scrolled through the list of Champions. He stood out to me! He was one of the only people in Canada in his time, who was an activist for the environment. He really changed my perspective on nature as a whole. Gus Yaki had a large family. His family included; two wives, his first Rae Yaki and second Aline Pelzer. He had 9 children, a brother and two sisters. He valued family during his career.

Gus Yaki had examined many types of birds, 5000 to be exact. However, Gus's favorite bird was the Raven because of its intelligence. The Raven stands out because of its sleek black colour and how it communicates. I do agree with Gus and how Gus really admires its intelligence. I think a Raven could also be a bad sign but I admire the bird.

Gus Yaki's work is still important to this day. Many people are still inspired by his work. He encouraged many people to look in their gardens and observe the simpler things in life. He also listed birds and put useful descriptions about the birds he saw in his books which has helped many other people find useful information. He also inspired many people not to throw things on the ground before thinking; Is this a good idea! He stood out as a leader with many of the projects that he was involved in.

Gus Yaki has inspired me to look at the world differently. Starting with what I changed in my daily life at home. I now spend more time going outside rather than staying inside playing games. He has encouraged me to go explore the outdoors. I normally would never explore out in a forest unless I was camping, so I have improved on that. I have also changed my actions at school, I have told other classmates about the trees and nature. I aim to inspire my friends to look at nature and see that all grass lives, all plants live, all bugs live and that they also have

beauty to them just like we do. In the community I've stopped littering entirely and whenever I am out in the park I don't only focus on the path I observe the things beneath the surface.

I am representing Gus Yaki in an Uptale Virtual Reality Project, that I have created, linked and voice recorded over. This presentation would best be shown on a virtual reality headset, but for me to submit it, I will have a YouTube link! This YouTube link will guide you through what I created and why I think Gus Yaki is so special to Albertans and Canadians. My references will be included at the end of the presentation as well. I could not get all Canadian 360 pictures, so extra pictures are in the reference page too.

Virtual Reality is a 360 view media you can see all around you. It also implements my curriculum within a 360 world and you can learn in different ways. It is kind of like a video game with lots of learning points. I believe this is the future of teaching in classrooms and I hope to stand out like Gus Yaki.

Throughout my life, I did not realize the beauty of nature. Normally I did not care for it, nor did I pay attention and instead focused more on other subjects like math or geography. Now I feel like I will be more aware of the environment around me. I know I really did learn a lot about Gus Yaki and the influence he made on Canada and the birds that exist in nature. I hope you enjoy my project!

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