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Elders teach younger generations of people about their history and culture. In **Michif**, Elders are called “lii vyeu” or the “Old People.” In Aboriginal communities, Elders are the main source of historical and cultural information. In the past, events were not recorded on paper but were passed down by Elders through the **Oral Tradition**. Not all elderly people are considered Elders in Aboriginal communities. To be an Elder, the person must be wise, caring, and show a willingness to share information with others. Elders must also live a balanced life and not be judgemental of other people. They must be viewed by others in the community as an Elder. Aboriginal cultural and educational institutions and political organizations value the wisdom of Elders.

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