

The Geography of the Neighborhood: Canada and the U.S.

Online resources/web sites

American Council for Quebec Studies

www.acqs.org

ACQS encourages, facilitates, and sponsors a rich variety of Quebec Studies teaching, research, and program initiatives in the United States.

Association for Canadian Studies in the United States – ACSUS

www.acsus.org

A multidisciplinary national association of scholars, professionals, and institutions dedicated to improving the understanding of Canada in the United States.

Atlas of Canada

atlas.gc.ca

Searchable maps, data, and essays covering the Canadian geography topics of environment, people and society, economy, history, climate change, freshwater, and health. The site includes lesson plans.

Canadian-American Center

www.umaine.edu/canam/k-12outreach/

A national resource center on Canada at the University of Maine.

Canadian Atlas Online

www.canadiangeographic.ca/atlasintro.aspx?lang=En

Animated maps with links to additional geography information are organized by themes such as land, regions, people, etc.

Canadian Council for Geographic Education

www.ccge.org/ccge/

Lesson plans.

The Canadian Embassy

www.drait-maeci.gc.ca/can-am/washington/

This site lists the most critical current issues between the US and Canada and includes media clips, extensive articles, and background pieces on the relationship.

Canadian Embassies/Consulates, Hot issues

www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/world/embassies/menu-en.asp

This site has articles reflecting the Canadian position on every subject.

Canadian Encyclopedia

www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com

This reference tool has a wealth of information including the complete text of the acclaimed Canadian encyclopedia in English and French, the text of the Junior Encyclopedia of Canada (English only), numerous interactivities, feature articles, games and an extensive timeline of Canadian and world events.

Canada From C2C

www.canadac2c.com/kidscybr.html

Links to sites designed for and by Canadian kids. Learn about the country's government, history, weather, libraries, and more.

Canadian Heritage

www.pch.gc.ca/index_e.cfm

Canadian Heritage is responsible for national policies and programs that promote Canadian content, foster cultural participation, active citizenship and participation in Canada's civic life, and strengthen connections among Canadians. A section on diversity and multiculturalism is included.

Canada's History Center

www.historysociety.ca/index.asp

This site Includes lesson plans for K-12 themes in Canadian history.

Cool Sites for Kids Only

www.nrcan.gc.ca/edu/

Games kids can play and lots of information about Canada's natural resources.

Discover Canada Online

www.DiscoverCanada.com

Information on tourist sights in Canada.

Gander Academy - Canadian Symbols

www.stemnet.nf.ca/CITE/canada10.htm

Information and lesson plans compiled by a fifth grade teacher at Gander Academy.

Go North! Adventure Learning for the K-12 Classroom

www.polarhusky.com/

Go North! Is committed to adventure learning as an innovative online educational approach to motivate student learning. Its purpose is to embed the approach in the K-12 classroom, delivering standards aligned curricula to build academic excellence and improve geographic, natural and social science literacy for all students.

Government of Canada

www.canada.gc.ca

This is the primary internet portal for information on the government of Canada including programming, services, information for non-Canadians, province/territory links, images of Canada and Parliament Hill. It has information on the government but also on all aspects of Canadian society.

How Canadians Govern Themselves

[www.parl.gc.ca/information/library/idb/forsey/PDFs/How Canadians Govern Themselves-6ed.pdf](http://www.parl.gc.ca/information/library/idb/forsey/PDFs/How_Canadians_Govern_Themselves-6ed.pdf)

An illustrated online booklet.

International Council for Canadian Studies – ICCS

www.iccs-ciec.ca

A federation of twenty national and multinational Canadian Studies associations. The ICCS promotes and supports research, education, and publications in all fields of Canadian Studies and in all countries.

K-12 Study Canada

www.k12studycanada.org

K-12 STUDY CANADA is the name given to the shared K-12 outreach efforts by the Canadian Studies Center, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, and the Center for Canadian-American Studies, Western Washington University. Our two centers jointly form the Pacific Northwest National Resource Center for Canada, one of only two National Resource Centers for Canada in the United States funded by the U.S. Department of Education with the mandate to provide education to students, educators and the community about Canada. A wealth of resources for teaching about Canada includes links to lesson plans, materials, workshops, film loaning library, teacher resource kits and other curriculum and multimedia resources.

K-12 Study Canada Student Novel Collection, teacher loan kits

www.k12studycanada.wvu.edu

A suitcase full of resources for teaching Canada. Videotapes, music CDs, CD-ROMs and lists of internet sites as well as display artifacts are shipped. The only cost is shipping it to the next teacher by UPS.

National Resources Canada

www.nrcan-nrcan.gc.ca

This agency works to ensure the responsible development of Canada's [natural resources](#), including [energy](#), [forests](#), [minerals and metals](#). They also use their expertise in [earth sciences](#) to build and maintain an up-to-date knowledge base of Canada's landmass and resources. Includes a student/teacher page with lesson ideas and links to support materials for teaching geography, science and technology, nature and the environment, and history.

Nunavut Facts

www.inaca.gc.ca/nunavut/map.html

All of the facts about Canada's newest territory, Nunavut.

Symbols of Canada

www.canadianheritage.gc.ca/progs/cpsc-ccsp/sc-cs/index_e.cfm

Canadian Heritage is responsible for national policies and programs that promote Canadian content, foster cultural participation, active citizenship and participation in Canada's civic life, and strengthen connections among Canadians.

Articles and Books

About Canada Multimedia Study Guide Resources

These resources have been designed and researched by the Mount Allison University [Centre for Canadian Studies](#) in partnership with the [Canadian Studies Program](#) of the [Department of Canadian Heritage](#). There is information on eight Canadian topics which are accompanied by study guides, bibliographies and related websites. Examples include:

Canada's Place in World Affairs

http://www.mta.ca/faculty/arts-letters/canadian_studies/english/about/study_guide/world/index.html

The Political Voice of Canadian Regional Identities

http://www.mta.ca/faculty/arts-letters/canadian_studies/english/about/study_guide/regional/

The Prairie Roots of Canada's Political "Third Parties"

http://www.mta.ca/faculty/arts-letters/canadian_studies/english/about/study_guide/roots/

All About Series. Scarborough, ON Canada: Thomson Nelson

inquire@nelson.com, 1-800-268-2222

A collection of visual, nonfiction books arranged in topics. These books support students and teachers across Canada in their social studies to learn about the people, communities, citizenship, symbols, animals, places, and activities of Canada. Each book uses features of standard nonfiction reference books, such as a summary and a glossary.

Boreham, Brenda. *Junior Atlas of Canada and the World*. Pacific Edge Publishing, 2001.

www.classroomresources.com/

Bowers, Vivien, illust. Dan Hobbs. *Wow Canada!* Maple Tree Press, distributed by Firefly Books. www.fireflybooks.com/Kids/WowCan.html

An easy-to-read "journal" of a family's trip across Canada. ISBN: 10895688-94-9

Canada Map Books, Apple Press, 1-866-222-8883

Available through this distributor: <https://www.ads-academic.com/ResourceList.asp?ViewBy=supplier&id=5>

Canadian map skills with Canadian content. Students will learn physical and cultural geography, map reading, activities to interpret, analyze and compare.

Goodrich, Joanne. *About Canada publication*. Multimedia Center for Canadian Studies at Mount Allison University, 1993-1997

The About Canada publication is a series of brief analytical overviews of modern Canadian issues and culture, written in a 3500-word newsletter format and in a style accessible to a general audience. Each publication provides a solid introduction to a current topic, contains high Canadian content, and requires no extensive background knowledge for comprehension. Examples include:

About Canada: Canada's Native Peoples

http://www.mta.ca/faculty/arts-letters/canadian_studies/english/about/native/index.htm

About Canada: Multiculturalism in Canada

http://www.mta.ca/faculty/arts/canadian_studies/english/about/multi/

The About Canada Series was designed and published between 1993-1997 by the Mount Allison University [Centre for Canadian Studies](#) in partnership with the [Canadian Studies Program](#) of the [Department of Canadian Heritage](#).

Greenwood, Barbara. *The Kids Book of Canada*. Kids Can Press, 2007.

This series makes all things Canadian – including history, personalities, technology and ideas – accessible to children. Contact via email: webmaster@kidscan.com

ISBN: 978-1554532261

Hegner, Barbara, ed. anthology, *The Spirit of Canada – Canada's Story in Legends, Fiction, Poems, and Songs*.

An anthology of stories, songs, poems, legends, and more. Chapters include creation myths, discovery of the New World, early settlement, and Confederation. www.Fitzhenry.ca

Hardcover ISBN: 1-894121-14-7, softcover ISBN: 0-7737-6200-0

Kahlman, Bobbie and Niki Walker, *Canada from A to Z*. Canada: Crabtree publishing, 1999.

www.crabtree-pub.com

ISBN: 978-0865054110

This alphabet book covers topics such as history, geography, culture, people, industries, recreation, and language.

Moore, Christopher. *Big Book of Canada, Exploring Provinces and Territories*, Tundra Books, 2002.

Each province and territory is explored and defined not only by its physical features, but also by its history, the people that make up its population, and the industry and culture.

ISBN: 0-88776-457-6

Sakany, Lois. *Canada: A Primary Source Cultural Guide (Primary Sources of World Cultures)*. New York, NY: PowerPlus Books/The Rosen Publishing Group.

ISBN: 0-8239-3998-7 www.rosenpublishing.com

Symbols of Canada, Government of Canada Publications, <http://publications.gc.ca/>
This book contains colour illustrations of symbols that reflect the history, people, environment, and traditions of Canada and its provinces and territories, as well as the Crown in Canada. Brief histories for each area, along with the maps, statistics, coats of arms, mottos, flags, and other symbols. All the symbols are included in a large, folded poster insert. Includes activities for teachers. ISBN: 0-660 8615-2

Yates, Sarah. *Hello Canada: Alberta* (one of series of 13, one for each province/territory), www.fitzhenry.ca/helloacan.htm.

An introduction to the people, culture, geography, history, and economy of Alberta.
ISBN: 1-55041-273-6 Hello Canada series, all 13 titles, ISBN: 1-55041-473-9

Videos/DVDs

National Film Board (NFB)

<http://www.nfb.ca/about/>

The NFB of Canada produces socially engaged documentaries, auteur animation, alternative drama and more. This site links you to the 12,000 productions from NFB.

A few examples include:

Transit Across Canada series (each documentary 20 min/NFB film)

The five documentaries in this series explore Canada's vast geography and cultural diversity. Organized thematically by the elements – air, water, land, fire and life – they investigate the country's climate, natural resources and topography, revealing the role they play in Canadian life.

Abegweit (70 minutes/NFB film)

A day to day record of the construction of the Confederation Bridge linking Prince Edward Island to the mainland, *Abegweit* reveals some of the innovations which made this mammoth project one of the most impressive engineering feats in Canadian history. *Abegweit* captures the awesome scope of this engineering feat and the human side of such a massive undertaking.

The Hockey Sweater (10 minutes, NFB film)

A film that takes place in rural Quebec mostly on an outdoor skating rink. The film is narrated by Roch Carrier from his children's story by the same name.

Blackfly (5 minutes/NFB film)

A fun romp through the wilds of Northern Ontario and the distraction caused by the pesky blackfly. The film is based on Wade Hemsworth's famous folk tune about the blackfly.

Paradise to the Sea (30 minutes/NFB film)

Adapted from a story by Holling C. Holling. During the long winter night, an Indian boy sets out to carve a man and a canoe. He calls the man “Paddle to the Sea.” The boy sets the carving down on a frozen stream to await the coming of spring. The film charts the adventures that befall the canoe on its long odyssey from Lake Superior to the sea. This film offers vivid impressions of Canada’s varied landscapes and waterways.

Journey to Nunavit: The Kreelak Story (50 minutes/NFB film)

Martin Kreelak was born in an igloo on the coast of Hudson Bay in 1954. In 1985 he joined the first group of video makers for the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation. This film tells the remarkable story of a Caribou Inuit family who were Canada’s last nomads. Martin and his siblings tell of their early life hunting on the tundra to the present, when they take the reins of the new territory of Nunavut on April 1, 1999. History, music, legend and irreverent humor offer a moving tribute to people preparing to enter a new era.

Atanarjuat (The Fast Runner) (3 hours/NFB film)

This adaptation of an ancient Inuit legend was filmed in Inuktitut and directed by Inuit filmmakers. Set in Igloolik, in Nunavut, this is a drama not a documentary. It tells a universal story through its depiction of how the aboriginal ancestors dressed, handled their dog teams, argued and laughed, confronted evil and fought back.

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