

K-12 STUDY CANADA

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If it's still cold outside...blame **Canada!** Now there's a lesson motivator! If you're in need of some fresh ideas for teaching Canada, this semi-annual resource flyer provides some useful curriculum ideas along with information about K-12 outreach activities and educator workshops offered by WWU and UW.

At last November's National Council for Social Studies (NCSS) conference in Washington, DC, we were impressed by the enthusiasm of teachers to increase and improve the teaching of Canada in their schools. We hope this interest continues to spread! As members of the National Consortium for Teaching Canada (NCTC), we hope to offer even more presentations on Canada at the 2002 NCSS conference in Phoenix, Arizona, and hope to see some of you there!

The K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Valise, introduced in the last issue, has hit the ground running — despite weighing 85 pounds! Traveling across Washington, Colorado, Nevada and Texas, this suitcase full of books, cultural artifacts and multimedia tools was quickly booked for the 2001-2002 school year. We'd love these resources to reach even more teachers so we're planning to offer two revised valises next year. Please contact Tina Storer if you're interested in using it next year.

We also want to remind you that junior and senior-level winners of the Canadian History category of the National History Day program will be awarded their prizes on May 4th. Best wishes to all students choosing Canadian projects!

Is your name on our email group list for additional monthly resource updates and occasional notices regarding teacher-training workshops? If not, let us know. We love helping you teach Canada!

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Educator Workshops at UW and WWU

Québec in Seattle: History and Culture of Québec Workshop for Teachers (Grades 7-12)

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM,
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON CAMPUS
\$45 INCLUDES CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST,
LUNCH AND 8 CLOCK HOURS

Québec is a fascinating province – the only place in North America where the official language is French and this spring K-12 STUDY CANADA is offering an all-day workshop on the history and culture of Québec including curriculum and teaching resources.

Participants will learn about the major historical developments that have shaped the "distinct society" that is contemporary Québec. This presentation offers a brief introduction to the history of French-Canadian immigrants in the United States and their evolution into the sizeable Franco-American communities of today. Québec also extends into the Far North, home to over 8,000 Inuit, where the first documentary film, *Nanook of the North*, was made. Through the use of song, poetry, prose and video, we will see, not only how the province's



National Consortium for Teaching Canada members at the National Council for Social Studies annual conference in Washington, D.C., November 2001. Ruth Writer, Betsy Arntzen, Dean June, Nadine Fabbi and Tina Storer.

literature reflects its culture in a most stunning fashion, but also how these works can be effectively used in the middle school and high school classroom.

Presenters are specialists from Québec, the UW, Western Washington University and SUNY Plattsburgh. Educators will also be treated to extensive curriculum materials.

To register, send a check for \$45.00 (payable to the "University of Washington") to the Canadian Studies Center, Box 353650, University of Washington, Seattle WA 98195. For more information contact the Center at (206) 221-6374 or canada@u.washington.edu.

24th Annual STUDY CANADA Summer Institute

DIRECTED BY DR. DON ALPER AND DR. BOB MONAHAN
JUNE 23-28, 2002 – WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
• 2 QUARTER CREDITS (20 CLOCK HOURS)
• LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS

This institute provides an excellent introduction to teaching Canada for K-12 teachers. Experienced teachers also attend STUDY CANADA to strengthen their knowledge base because specialists on Canadian studies discuss a wide range of topics such as Canadian history, geography, government, First Nations, environmental issues, art & literature, Québec, and Canada-US issues.

Materials for introducing and enhancing the teaching of Canada are also provided. Teachers become familiar with a variety of multimedia curriculum materials and receive the popular teaching guide, *CANADA: Northern Neighbor, 2nd Edition*, an atlas, and a CD-Rom. A one-day field trip to Vancouver, BC is included and an optional excursion to Victoria, BC (June 29-30) is offered separately at an additional cost.

The expected cost for the workshop is \$350, including an \$85 deposit (nonrefundable upon acceptance). A grant covers the cost of 5 days' university housing, meals and parking.

Atelier de Français: Language Acquisition, Technology & Québec Theater

DIRECTED BY DR. ROBERT BALAS AND DR. ANNE GEORGE
JUNE 23-28, 2002 – WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
• 2 QUARTER CREDITS (20 CLOCK HOURS)
• LIMITED TO 15 PARTICIPANTS

The Atelier de Français is presented in both French and English to high school and community college French language teachers and provides participants with practical experience in the use of technology (software, computers, DV camcorders, language labs) for the teaching of French language and culture. The workshop is built around interactive French language software, involving Québec Theater, created by Drs. Balas and George.

Participants expand their knowledge of Québec and discover how to use its theater as a teaching tool for both language and francophone culture. Everyone receives a variety of workshop materials including two CD-ROMs on Québec theater (with accompanying software) and a CD-ROM of their own project using QuickTime movies. Please share this workshop news with French language teachers at your school!

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International Storytelling and Oral Traditions

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH & 26TH
8:00 AM-4:30 PM
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON CAMPUS
\$75.00 INCLUDES CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST,
LUNCH AND 16 CLOCK HOURS

The Outreach Centers at the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington invite you to attend the annual Summer Seminar for educators, June 25th & 26th, 2002, entitled: International Storytelling and Oral Traditions, featuring presentations on Asian, Afghan, European, Russian and First Nations' cultures in Canada including renowned storyteller, Cathy Spangoli and Lee Maracle.

Lee Maracle is from the Squamish First Nation in North Vancouver, British Columbia. She is currently the Distinguished Visiting Professor of Canadian Culture at Western Washington University. An award-winning writer and instructor, an actor and cultural educator, Maracle will present on "The Significance of Indigenous Women's Orality/Story to Canadian-American Women." Maracle, mother and grandmother, is considered an expert on the history of colonization, de-colonization and is an active advocate of feminism within the cultural context of Native American people.

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Upcoming Presentations and Displays on Canada

5th Annual World Languages Day for High School Students

Friday, March 8th, 8:45 am - 2:20 pm
University of Washington campus

"The Language and Culture of the North," by Nadine Fabbi (9:30 - 10:20 am)

(To register, contact World Languages Day at (206) 543-2320 or lhk@u.washington.edu)

Washington State Council for the Social Studies (WSCSS) Leadership Retreat

"Rediscover the Relevance of Social Studies"

March 8-10, 2002 (Lake Chelan, WA)

Nadine Fabbi will present "Using Children's Literature, Video and Music to Teach About Canada's North and the Inuit" (Saturday, 1:45 - 3:15 pm).

Tina Storer will display great resources for teaching Canada in the exhibit area (Saturday, 8 am - 3 pm).

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Canada in the Classroom: K-12 Teaching Resources

Super CD-ROM!

Canada, Confederation to Present is a scholarly teacher/student resource that features works by Canada's leading historians, thousands of media items, and almost unlimited opportunities for interactivity. It's a truly interactive and comprehensive history of Canada.



Although written at a high school level, other teachers are placing it in libraries and using its extensive media to reinforce topics for students in lower grades. The interactive media (maps, graphs, historical photos, political cartoons, film and sound clips, etc.) as well as the Timelines and Compare Timelines Features are useful for most grades. There is also a Presentation Feature for teachers/students to create, edit, save, and exchange presentations created using the CD's media resources.

Call Chinook Multimedia Inc. toll-free at (866) 434-7881 or visit www.chinookmultimedia.com to order. It is \$80 Cdn. for the CD-ROM and \$24.99 Cdn. for a yearly web package subscription that allows you to print out pages and receive updates and new media/graphic images.

Terrific Teacher's Resource!

The Spirit of Canada (Canada's Story in Legends, Fiction, Poems & Songs), edited by Barbara Hehner and published by Stoddart Kids, is a wonderful anthology that celebrates Canada through stories and songs. Teachers and students will treasure this beautifully illustrated collection!



Drawing on works like Gordon Lightfoot's "Canadian Railroad Trilogy," Robert Service's "The Cremation of Sam McGee," Roch Carriere's "The Hockey Sweater" and Duke Redbird's "I am a Canadian," *The Spirit of Canada* provides more than 100 high quality selections of Canadian writing (novel

excerpts, short stories, poetry and lyrics). The contributions are arranged both chronologically and thematically and blend well to paint a rich cultural portrait of Canada.

Visit www.classroomresources.com for more information and enter the title with the search button. You can order it online or call Pacific Edge Publishing at (800) 668-8806. (\$29.95 Cdn.)

Valuable Video!

Postcards from Canada is a brand-new video-must for every school library. Shot in 35mm, it provides breathtaking images and aerial photography with narration by Peter Gzowski, the renowned Canadian broadcaster. It makes a wonderful introduction for a Canada unit, taking students on a whimsical and fact-filled 40-minute trip through Canada, including Nunavut.



To order, contact the National Film Board of Canada at (800) 542-2164.



Students from Seattle's Lowell Elementary learn about Canada and how to build an inukshuk at the University of Washington.

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