

Literature to Support Elementary Social Studies Grade 5

Selected Bibliography

NB: Older titles that you may find in your library have been included, and newer titles are provided as a guide for purchasing of new resources. Book types include references, non-fiction, picture books, novels, poetry, alphabet books, folklore and biography. Emphasis has been placed on Canadian titles. (O/P = out of print)

Title	Book Type	Some Suggested Activities	Curriculum Outcome
General References			
Online Reference Centre , from Alberta Education, http://www.learnalberta.ca , at least 7 free encyclopedias, hundreds of periodical articles, current events, and much more. Password required. Use particularly The Canadian Encyclopedia .	Reference	Use for in-depth research, or looking up any quick information.	
Trottier, Maxine. Canadian Leaders , 2004, 0439961041. Provides basic biographical data for five Canadian leaders, Sam Steele, John A. Macdonald, Joseph Brant, Pierre Trudeau, and Jeanne Mance.	Non-fiction, Biography	Use for research.	
Newman, Alexander. Prime Ministers Of Canada: Macdonald To Martin , 2004, 1896082017. The format is boring, but the information is concise, well laid out and very practical. Contains a photo, personal and professional facts, and a brief biography of each Prime Minister.	Non-fiction, Biography	Use for research, looking up quick information on any prime minister.	
Odynak, Emily. Early Canada . (Kanata series), 1998, 0919879993. Covers exploration and settlement of Canada from 1400 to 1800. Highlights many important events in our history. Includes Aboriginal peoples, explorers, fur traders, missionaries, and settlers. Lots of good photos, illustrations, diagrams and maps. An excellent resource.	Non-fiction	Use for in-depth research, or looking up any quick information.	
C is for Chinook: An Alberta Alphabet , 2004, 1585362239. Each letter of the alphabet symbolizes a name or word derived from some aspect of Alberta and each letter is presented in rhyme and then further explained in note. Alberta's symbols, history, people and culture are beautifully illustrated. A "must have."	Non-fiction	Use as a model for a class writing project	

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<p>Busby, Brian. Question and Answer Encyclopedia: Canada, 2003, 1405417285. There's a huge amount of information in this book, made engrossing and accessible by the question and answer format and lots of excellent illustration. It explores the many facets of Canada -- the land, its people, their history and their achievements. Contains a wealth of fascinating facts, figures, stories and legends.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Use for research</p>	
<p>Hello Canada series, one title for each province and territory, 13 in all, e.g.: Hancock, Lyn. Nunavut. 1995, 1550417606. Provides information about Nunavut, including the land, the history, making a living and the meeting of two worlds. Includes index, glossary, fast facts, time line, famous people from Nunavut, and table of contents. Good quality photos, drawings, and maps. A small but very useful title. Alberta, 1997, 1550417665 Saskatchewan, 1998, 1550412698, etc.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Use for research.</p>	
<p>Symbols of Canada, 2002, 0660186152. Symbols and information on Canada, beautifully done, full-page spread on each province, and much more, published by the government of Canada, includes large full-colour poster, available 1-800-635-7943, \$11.95 + s/h \$3.50. A must have.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Use for reference. Display poster.</p>	
<p>Alberta Learning. Learning and Teaching Resources Branch. Focus on Inquiry: A Teacher's Guide to Implementing Inquiry-based Learning, 2004, 0778526666, available in pdf from http://www.education.gov.ab.ca/K_12/curriculum/subject/focusoninquiry.pdf or in print from Learning Resources Centre, http://www.lrc.learning.gov.ab.ca</p>	<p>Teacher Reference</p>	<p>Teacher Reference on research process, an essential resource from Alberta Learning.</p>	
<p>Armstrong, Tricia. Information Transformation: Teaching strategies for authentic research, projects, and activities. 2000, 1-55138-122-2. A great resource for supporting information processing in research and writing projects, this volume is well-organized, and full of practical ideas and graphic organizers.</p>	<p>Teacher Reference</p>	<p>Use to help plan research and inquiry projects. Lots of practical strategies you can use right away.</p>	

Royston, Angela. Maps and Symbols . Geography Starts here series. 1998, 0817251138. An introduction to maps, what they represent, how they are constructed, and how to read them. Lots of excellent illustrations, easy text and large print, table of contents, index, glossary, covers many essential concepts. O/P	Reference	Use for building basic understanding of maps, what they represent, and how to read them.	
Alberta Education. The Heart of the Matter: Character and Citizenship Education in Alberta Schools , 2005, 0778537919. From LRC or Alberta Ed download.	Teacher Reference	Guide to character education.	

Grade Five Canada: The Land, Histories and Stories

Grade 5 students will examine how ways of life of peoples in Canada are integral to Canadian culture and identity. They will explore the geographic vastness of Canada, and relationships between the land, places and people. As they reflect upon the stories of diverse Aboriginal, French, British and immigrant experiences in Canada over time, students will develop a sense of place and an awareness of how these multiple stories contribute to the students' sense of citizenship and identity.

5.1 Physical Geography of Canada

Heidbreder, R. & Ritchie, Scot. See Saw Saskatchewan, 2003 , 1-55337-392-8. A humorous poetry book about Canadian places, symbols and inhabitants. A book you must have for its fun and allusions to everything Canadian.	Poetry	Read poems aloud. Have students memorize and perform them with the various actions suggested. Have students perform them for Grade 2 buddies, and then teach them the poems for sharing with their class. Have students try their hands at writing dotty Canadian poems.	5.1.1 value Canada's physical geography and natural environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appreciate the variety and abundance of natural resources in Canada • appreciate the diversity of geographic phenomena in Canada • appreciate the environmental significance of national parks and protected areas in Canada • appreciate how the land sustains communities and the diverse ways that people have of living with the land • appreciate the influence of the natural environment on the growth and development of Canada • demonstrate care and concern for the environment through their choices and actions • appreciate the geographic vastness of Canada
Hamilton, Jen, ed. Canadian Poems for Canadian Kids . 2005, 0-9736675-0-8. So much fun! A collection of 25 poems written for the elementary aged child by Canadian poets, some famous, others just starting out. They are excellent to read aloud and use in a classroom. "The Prairie is Where the Sky Begins," is perfect for any study of Canada's prairie provinces: the imagery is beautiful.	Poetry	Read aloud for enjoyment.	
Landau, Elaine. Canada . A True Book series. 1999, 0516270214. Excellent coverage in an easy-to-read,	Non-fiction	Use for research projects.	

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large-print, short book with excellent colour photos.		
Bowers, Vivien. Wow Canada: Exploring This Land From Coast to Coast. 1999, 1-895688-93-0. A scrapbook story of Canada told in photos that introduces young readers to the diversity and the beauty of this country called Canada.	Non-fiction	Research projects, quick information Identify geographic regions and their characteristics
Gurth, Per-Henrik. Canada in Colours. 2007, 9781554532407. Celebrate all the colours of the rainbow and more on a cross-country tour of Canada.	Non-fiction	Use for reference and research.
Massey, Don. Canada: Its Land and People. 1995, 1895073898. Popular textbook for Canada studies, a basic resources for geography of Canada.	Non-fiction	Use for reference and research.
Trottier, Maxine. One is Canada. 1999, 0002245566. A counting book that is a celebration of Canada, its land, resources and people. Excellent illustrations, great model for writing about Canada.	Poetry Counting Book	Use as a model for a class research and writing project.
Boraas, Tracey. Canada. 2002, 0736807667. (Countries and Cultures) Includes facts, land, climate, wildlife, history, government, economy, people. Good format and colour photos.	Non-fiction	Use for reference and research projects.
MacLachlan, Patricia. All the Places to Love. 1994, 0060210990. This is a stunningly beautiful picture book in which a young boy describes the favourite places that he shares with his family on his grandfather's farm and the nearby countryside. Helps us understand the love that each person has for his own home area.	Picture Book	Have students describe things that they love about where they live.
Okimoto, Jean Davis. Winston Of Churchill: One Bear's Battle Against Global Warming. 2007, 9781570615436. The polar bears of Churchill, Manitoba, protest to highlight the problem of global warming.	Non-fiction	What are some of the effects of global warming on the climate of Canada? What may some of the effects in the future?
Barlas, Robert. Welcome to Canada. 1999, 083682394X. An overview of the geography, history, government, economy, people, and culture of Canada. O/P	Non-fiction	Use for research projects.
Costain, Meredith. Welcome to Canada. 2002, 0791068730. (Countries of the World). Briefly describes the history, government, family life, leisure	Non-fiction	Use for research projects.

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activities, food, religion, education, transportation, industry and agriculture of Canada, as well as brief information about landscape and climate, plants and animals. Information is presented in an appealing format with many good quality photographs and features such as fact boxes.		
Kalman, Bobbie. Canada from A to Z . 1999, 0865053812. Here's an alphabetical introduction to history, geography, politics, culture, education, industry and recreation in Canada.	Non-fiction	Use for research. Use as a model for a class research project report.
Hughes, Susan. Canada Invents . WOW Canada! Series, 2002, 1894379241. Many inventions over time are described with lots of great illustrations. Includes inventions dealing with Canada's cold, weather, use of energy and power, communications, transportation, flight and more.	Non-fiction	Read aloud for enjoyment. Use for research.
GOT Geography: Poems Selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins , 2006, 9780060556013. What a way to teach geography!	Poetry	Read for enjoyment. Use as a model for writing.
Greenwood, Barbara. Kids Book of Canada , 1998, 1550743155. A glimpse of Canada from coast to coast. Each province and territory is done in two double-page spreads that include a map and lots of illustrations. The text is concise and readable. Boxed facts give statistical information. The historical highlights are written to inform, intrigue, and interest readers. An essential resource.	Non-fiction	Use for research projects.
Gutsole, Marlene. Discovering Canada , 2000, 019541487X. Excellent resource, well done, part of a series. Introduces Canada through activities, maps, illustrations, and facts about physical, political, economic, and cultural characteristics.	Non-fiction	Use for research projects.
Cairo, Mary. Our Country Canada . 2001, 1552202011. Large book, excellent photos and drawings, well researched geography of Canada.	Non-fiction	Use for research.
Kalman, Bobbie. Land, Culture & People series, 2002. These titles have short index, glossary, table of contents, accessible style. They are colourful, full of interesting facts, lots of large, high quality photos.	Non-fiction	Use for research.

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<p>Include the land, the climate, the people, cities, industry, and much more. Canada: The People. 0778793591 Canada: The Culture. 0778793605 Canada: The Land. 0778793583</p>			
<p>Sis, Peter. The Train of States. Although this book devotes one page to each of the states of the United States, the book is too good not to have. It's a fabulous model for a class research project. Contains history, interesting facts, and information about current industry, plants and animals, etc.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Use as a model for a class research project, where each pair of students is assigned to produce a page for a class book on one province or territory.</p>	
<p>Smucker, Barbara. Jacob's Little Giant. 1987, 0140323260. The youngest in a Mennonite farm family in Ontario, Jacob Snyder is very conscious of his small size, but he reveals himself to be a caretaker of no small dimension when a government agent places a Canada goose and his mate on the farm with a view toward increasing the dwindling flocks.</p>	<p>Novel</p>	<p>Novel study or read aloud.</p>	
<p>Cherry, Lynne. A River Ran Wild. 1992, 0152163727. The story of a river, from the first people thousands of years ago, how people came to depend on it, used it, abused it, polluted it, and finally cleaned it. Beautifully illustrated, and powerfully presented, his book is a classic in environmental studies.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Describe actions taken by your school or family that show concern and care for the environment. Document the changes to the river over time. Compare European values & attitudes with those of the Aboriginal people. Use a Venn diagram. List some related issues. Debate some of the issues.</p>	
<p>Bouchard, David. Elders are Watching. 1990, 0-9693485-3-3. This is a poem about man's negative influence on nature. The powerful words are on one page with the facing page a dramatic illustration by a famous native artist. The words tell us how man has been overly self-indulgent for much too long and it is time to change to save the environment. It's a simple and powerful look into the Aboriginals' relationship with Nature.</p>	<p>Poetry</p>	<p>Discuss the Aboriginals' relationship with Nature.</p>	

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<p>CrossCountry Canada 2. (Ingenuity Works, David Young, dyoung@ingenuityworks.com, \$49.95, lab packs and site licenses available). Geography becomes a real Canadian adventure! Students ‘drive’ a truck around the country picking up and delivering a variety of commodities. As students travel between any of 79 cities, they learn problem solving, map reading, and decision making. On-screen maps and a compass allow players to learn directions and plan the most efficient route. Students learn time management, decide when to eat and sleep, and watch road conditions. Photographs of cities, famous places, and landmarks add reality. Descriptions and pictures of each of 50 commodities teach students the basis of the economy. Students learn about the relationships between places, goods, and regions.</p>	<p>Hybrid CD-ROM</p>	<p>Play the game. Research to find more information on the natural resources in Canada Write a short letter about your trip, including where you traveled, what you saw, commodities you picked up, interesting things learned. Research and prepare a report on the geography and regions of Canada. Describe some of the diverse ways that people have of living with the land.</p>	
<p>Walldron, Kathleen. Forestry A-Z. 2008, 9781551435046. An introduction to modern forestry and its practices.</p>	<p>Non fiction</p>	<p>Research to find more information on the natural resources in Canada.</p>	
<p>Service, Robert W. The Cremation of Sam McGee, 1986, 0919964923. “There are strange things done in the midnight sun...” Service’s tall tale in verse has been well-served by the colourful, rolling illustrations. A tale to delight students.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Identify Robert W. Service as an important figure in the Canadian literary heritage. Read for enjoyment. Characterize northern Canada.</p>	
<p>Service, Robert W. The Shooting of Dan McGrew. 1988, 1550746081. Another classic Canadian tale of the north.</p>	<p>Poetry</p>	<p>Read for enjoyment. Characterize northern Canada.</p>	
<p>Anderson, Scoular. Space Pirates: A Map-Reading Adventure, 2004, 1550378813. A unique, engaging approach to map reading skills, using the theme of hidden treasure, and illustrations resembling “Where’s Waldo?” On each map, the left hand side bar provides the instructions, and map reading skills (e.g. symbols, compass, grid) needed to locate the treasure while the right side bar carries the story, in graphic novel style, of the pirates from space who have arrived on a distant planet with their treasure map. Engaging and challenging, on several levels, for many ages.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Learn to read and understand maps.</p>	<p>5.1.2 critically examine the physical geography of Canada by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the major geographical regions, landforms and bodies of water in Canada? • How do landforms, bodies of water and natural resources affect the quality of life in Canada? • How have natural disasters and severe weather been part of Canada’s physical geography? • What are the differences and similarities between the regions of Canada?

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<p>Love, Ann and Jane Drake, The Kids Book of the Far North, 2000, 1550745638. The Far North is home to many plants, animals and people who have developed remarkable ways of adapting to one of the harshest climates on Earth. The book examines the region’s fascinating history, modern life, and fragile ecosystem with facts, stories, legends, illustrations, timelines and maps.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Research and report writing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the geographical region they live in different from other regions of Canada? • What are the factors which determine climate in the diverse regions of Canada (e.g., latitude, water, mountains)? • How are Canada’s national parks and protected areas important to the sustainability of Canada’s natural environment?
<p>Moore, Christopher. Big Book of Canada: Exploring the Provinces and Territories, 2002, 0887764576. From Newfoundland to British Columbia to Nunavut, the Big Book of Canada explores the provinces and territories that are this country. Discover the majestic landscapes, the resourceful people, and the unique events that have shaped this land and those who call it home.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Research and report writing. Vocabulary development</p>	
<p>Zeman, Ludmilla. First Red Maple Leaf. 1997, 0887764193. A lovely story about how the maple leaf got its bright red colour – told in folktale style. Amazing illustrations.</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	<p>Read for enjoyment. Describe Canada.</p>	
<p>Turnbull, Andy. By Truck To The North: My Arctic Adventure. 1998, 1-55037-550-4. Andy rides along in a big rig carrying produce from the B.C. lower mainland to the high arctic. Traveling through the winter forest and across the arctic circle onto a road of ice, we learn to appreciate the hazards and beauty of working in the harsh winter environment. Side bars include photos and descriptions of the truck interior and the sights of the journey. Well-marked, clear maps show the journey throughout the book. A must-have book.</p>	<p>Non fiction</p>	<p>Describe Northern Canada.</p>	
<p>Bouchard, David. If You’re Not From the Prairie...., 2001, 1-895714-66-4. Those raised on the prairies are passionate about their experiences with this diverse land. David Bouchard’s text reminds us of the power of the wind, the sweep of the sky, the adventures in the cold. And the illustrations are snapshots from childhood – playing hockey on the river, lying under the big sky in a field of swaying</p>	<p>Poetry</p>	<p>Characterize prairie life. Use as a model for writing another poems about Canada.</p>	

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grass, wading in a spring pond. Here is a close look at a unique lifestyle.		
Bannatyne-Cugnet, Jo. A Prairie Alphabet , 1992, 0887762921. Paintings of astounding realism—one for each letter of the alphabet—reveal a Western Canadian rural world throughout the seasons. Brief alliterative sentences provide a verbal frame for each painting—but readers will enjoy looking for additional items beginning with the featured letter.	Alphabet Book	Analyze pictures for information about prairie life. Use as a model for a research project.
Ruurs, Margriet. A Mountain Alphabet , 1996, 088776374X. Twenty-six stunning illustrations show the beauty of the mountains. The text is in alliterative sentences for children to search for the letter and words. Additional notes at the end explain each scene further.	Alphabet Book	Analyze pictures for information about the mountain areas. Use as a model for a research project.
Bannatyne-Cugnet, Jo. Heartland: A Prairie Sampler . 2002, 0-88776-567-X. Here is a taste of life in Canada’s prairie.	Non-fiction	Try crafts and games unique to the prairies. There is even a recipe for Saskatoon pie!
Bouchard, David et al. Prairie Born , 1999, 1-55143-152-1. Explore in verse and image the prairie experience.	Poetry Picture Book	Identify characteristics of prairie life.
Ulmer, Mike. M is for Maple: A Canadian Alphabet , 2001, 1585360511. Each letter of the alphabet symbolizes a name or word derived from some aspect of Canada and each letter is presented in rhyme and then further explained in note. Canada’s symbols, history, people and culture are beautifully illustrated. A “must have.”	Alphabet Book	Use as a model for a class writing project.
Penn, Briony. Kids Book of Canadian Geography . 2008, 978155074890. Traces the continents' formation and explains how they arrived at their present state, touching on ancient landscapes, evolving climate, continent shaping and life on the land, including human settlement.	Non-fiction	Use for research.
Shoulders, Debbie and Michael. D is for Drum . 2006, 1585362743. Readers get a A-Z introduction to the customs and cultures of the first people inhabiting the Americas. Topics include Bison, tipis, Kachinas and dugout canoes.	Alphabet Book	Use as a model for a class writing project.

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<p>Major, Kevin. Eh? To Zed, an AbeCedarium, 2000, 0-88995-222-1. Using the traditional format of an ABC book, this abecedarian of Canadiana uses a lyrical sense of rhythm and rhyme to explore the distinctiveness of our nation. This picture book includes an explanation of the words chosen for each letter and explains their illustrations. Written with sensitivity to regionalism and a broad view of Canada, this book is an excellent teaching tool for Canadian studies.</p>	<p>Alphabet Book</p>	<p>Read for enjoyment. Use as a model for a class writing project.</p>	
<p>Williams, Vera. Stringbean's Trip to the Shining Sea, 1988, 0-688-16701-2. Postcards written as Stringbean takes a summer motor trip across the continent, pictures on one side and travel experiences on the letter side.</p>	<p>Journal</p>	<p>Use for modeling research reporting and writing.</p>	
<p>Ruurs, Margriet. A Pacific Alphabet, 2001, 1-55285-264-4. This alphabet book has numerous examples, cleverly hidden, in each picture of things that start with the featured letter of the alphabet. And they're all Canadian! Written in poetry with great alliteration, and very imaginative writing.</p>	<p>Alphabet Book Poetry</p>	<p>Use as a model and create an alphabet book as a research project.</p>	
<p>Blades, Heather. Focus on Canada. 2003, 0836862155. Excellent illustrations and appealing format. Includes chapters on resources, history, economy, government, culture, and more.</p>			<p>5.1.3 analyze how people in Canada interact with the environment by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In what ways do natural resources and the physical geography of a region determine the establishment of communities? • How are natural resources used, exchanged and conserved in Canada? • Whose responsibility should it be to ensure the preservation of Canada's national parks and protected areas?
<p>5.2 Histories and Stories of Ways of Life in Canada</p>			
<p>Kuitenbrouwer, P. Our Song: The Story of O Canada, The Canadian National Anthem, 2004, 1894222679. Includes the history, timelines, the music, and the words in English and French. And also</p>	<p>Music</p>	<p>Sing O Canada in English and French.</p>	<p>5.2.1 appreciate the complexity of identity in the Canadian context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognize how an understanding of Canadian history and the stories of its peoples contribute to their sense of

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<p>Scholastic Publishing. O Canada: Our National Anthem, 2003, 0439974577. Our national anthem interspersed with majestic photographs from across Canada. A good introduction for teaching primary students “O Canada.” And also Harrison, Ted. O Canada. 2003, 1553375815. Harrison matches lines of the Canadian anthem (in English and French) with pictures and brief text for each of the provinces and territories.</p>			<p>identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acknowledge oral traditions, narratives and stories as valid sources of knowledge about the land and diverse Aboriginal cultures and history • acknowledge the roots of Francophone identity and presence in Canada • acknowledge the British influence and presence in Canada • acknowledge the contributions made by diverse cultural groups to the evolution of Canada • recognize how changes in society can affect identity
<p>Hegner, Barbara. Spirit of Canada: Canada’s Story in Legends, Fiction, Poems, and Songs, 2001, 0773762000. A marvelous must-have anthology of stories, poems and songs spanning Canadian history, and including many well-loved stories and poems. Lots of colour illustrations.</p>	<p>Anthology - poems, stories, songs</p>	<p>Read for enjoyment. Return many times to this volume for material to fit with the entire span of Canadian history.</p>	
<p>Tingley, Ken. A is Alberta: A Centennial Alphabet. 2005, 0-9733500-2-4. A look at the place names of our province gives a glimpse of the many forces that have shaped Alberta. Names reflect the heritage left by First Nations people, the fur trading entrepreneurs, the explorers, the railways, world events, and the settlers and immigrants from all over the world that make Alberta the place it is today.</p>	<p>Alphabet Book</p>	<p>Use for research. Use as a model for student research and writing.</p>	
<p>Bannatyne-Cugnet, Jo. From Far And Wide: A Canadian Citizenship Scrapbook, 2000, 0887764436. This book is a celebration of the special Canadian citizenship ceremony that little Xiao Ling Li, her parents and other new Canadians experience. The rich illustrations add many details to this wonderful book. This book is not only a gentle story, but it is also a useful resource, full of information about the process of becoming a Canadian citizen.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Using several resources, identify ten countries of origin of Canadians.</p>	
<p>Weaver, Janice. The Quilt of Belonging: Stitching Together the Stories of a Nation. 1006, 1897066503. This beautiful book tells about a patchwork square for each country in the world that has immigrants to Canada, and shows many of the squares. For activities and information go to</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Make a quilt for every country represented in the classroom.</p>	

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www.invitationproject.ca			
Stanbridge, Joanne. Famous Dead Canadians , 2003, 0779114027. History comes alive in the offbeat style of this book. Includes amazing life stories of over a dozen famous Canadians – explorers, inventors, scientists, adventurers and more. Humorous illustrations add to the fun.	Biography	Read for enjoyment. Use for research. Make a timeline of Canadian history and put in famous Canadians.	
Trottier, Maxine. Death of My Country: The Plains of Abraham Diary of Geneviève Aubuchon (Dear Canada series) 2005, 0439967627. Geneviève is of Abenaki descent but has been raised by a French family. Her brother's friend is also Abenaki. The British are coming and it is becoming apparent that French Québec is in great jeopardy. The two boys go off to war and Geneviève is terrified that her beloved Québec will fall into British hands . . . and that her brother will not survive the fighting. Besides being a very good read, the book provides a good picture of English, French, and Aboriginal conditions and viewpoints of 1759.	Novel	Novel study.	
Manson, Ainslie. Dog Came, Too: A True Story , 1992, 0-689-50567-1. In 1793, the explorer Alexander Mackenzie journeyed across Canada to the Pacific Ocean, the first European to cross North America. He and his party were accompanied by a big brown dog. Here is a true story about the first dog to cross the continent by land and his role in the exploration of Canada.	Picture book (Non fiction)	Read for enjoyment. Make a timeline of Canadian history and put in famous Canadians.	
Carrier, Roch, Hockey Sweater, The . 1984, 0887761690. When you're the only kid with a Maple Leafs sweater on a team of Canadiens fanatics, you pray for a hundred million moths!	Picture Book		
Walsh, Ann, editor. Beginnings: Stories of Canada's Past . 2001, 0-921870-87-6. Here are 14 captivating stories of Canada's history, with extensive historical notes. These tales are about historical "firsts," such as the first spike pounded in on the tracks of the cross-country railway, the first eight-year-old boy imprisoned in Kingston Penitentiary, the first "filles	Short Stories (Historical fiction)	Use these Canadian short stories for stimulating interest in various topics in Canadian history.	

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du roi” in New France, the first election in which women could vote, and the first contact between Europeans and the people of northern B.C.		
Downie, Mary Alice. Scared Sarah . 2002, 1-550-41714-2. Sarah is afraid of everything. While visiting a Native reserve, she is befriended by the chief's son who shows her his medicine bag which protects him from harm. Easy beginning chapter book.	Novel	Easy novel study. Characterize life in Upper Canada in 1836.
Terry, Michael Bad Hand. Daily Life in a Plains Indian Village 1868 . 1999, 0395945429. The life of the Plains Indians is depicted in full-color photos and text packed with authentic details. Includes a timeline, glossary and index.	Non-fiction	Use for research and reference. Make a comparison chart of life then and now.
Hacker, Carlotta. The Kids Book of Canadian History , 2002, 1-55074-868-8. Excellent overview of Canadian History, with 2-4 pages on each of 22 topics ranging from Canada's First People to the latest territory of Nunavut. Many pages include a "Did you Know," "Quick Facts" boxes, or profiles of prominent Canadians through the years. Includes table of contents, a useful timeline and an index.	Non-fiction	Use for research and reference. Make a timeline of important events in Canadian History.
Francis, Daniel. Discovering First Peoples and First Contacts . The Discovery series. 2000, 0195414888. Follows early European explorers and Aboriginal people as Canada opens up and people search for furs, trade routes, and adventure. The first sections are about the different Native groups on the coast, plains, and woodlands. Many photos, illustrations, maps and "Did you know?" fact boxes. Format is easy to read and understand with short sections, many subheadings. Excellent resource.	Non-fiction	Use for research and reference.
Jaenen, Dr. Cornelius J. First Contact , 2005, 1550414437. An excellent resource – shows the Aboriginal people before contact, and details many of the events and situations that both benefited the Aboriginals and harmed them after contact with Europeans. Canada, A People's History series. Very well illustrated, excellent format.	Non-fiction	Use for research and reference.
Munro, Ron. Canada's First Peoples , 2005,	Non	Use for research and

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1550414437. An excellent resource – includes eastern, plains, west coast and arctic people. Canada, A People’s History series. Very well illustrated, excellent format.	fiction	reference.
Smith, Tom. Settling Canada , 2004, 1550414461. An excellent resource – shows why particular groups came to Canada, the hardships they endured, how they built their homes and communities, how they adapted to the new land, and how it changed them. Very well illustrated, excellent format. (Canada, A People’s History)	Non fiction	Use for research and reference.
McCurdy, Michael. An Algonquian Year: A Year According to the Full Moon , 2000, 0618007059. As the moon changes, so do the seasons and the pattern of life for the Northern Algonquians in pre-colonial North America. With text and black and white scratchboard illustrations, we see the busy cycle of work, play and survival, and the dignity of people who live in harmony with nature.	Non-fiction	Modeling writing. Make a T-chart to compare Aboriginal life with our lives today.
Hemon, Louis. Maria Chapdelaine . 2004, 0-88776-697-8. This picture book version is based on the quintessential novel of French Canada first published in 1916. Set in Quebec, this story of struggle and survival offers a glimpse of Canadian history and life long ago. Exquisite oil paintings illustrate the text, which is really a short novel.	Picture Book	Read aloud. Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time and place.
London, Jonathan. The Sugaring-Off Party . 1995, 1895555841. Paul, anxious to be going to his first maple-sugaring party tomorrow, asks Grand-mere to tell him about what it was like when she was young and took part in the cabane a sucre. Gilles Pelletier’s paintings--filled with brilliant colour--explore the sights, sounds, and tastes of a special time in a French-Canadian community.	Non fiction	Read for enjoyment. Use for research. Identify characteristics of pioneer life from the rich details of the pictures.
Purmell, Ann. Maple Syrup Season , 2008, 9780823418916. Grampa leads the way as his family works together to tap maple trees, collect sap, and make syrup.	Non fiction	Read for enjoyment. Use for research. Identify characteristics of pioneer.
Bouchard, David. Qu'Appelle . 2002, 1-55192-475-7.	Folktale	Read for enjoyment.

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<p>Here is a Cree tale, and a famous love story. It is a tragic legend about a young brave who must leave his betrothed to lead a war party against the Blackfoot. Heartbroken by his absence, she falls sick and dies. Upon his return, the brave cannot believe she is dead, and wanders the prairies to this day calling for her. The elders say that if you go out to the prairies and listen you will hear the brave looking for his lost love, calling out "Qui Appelle" - who is calling?</p>		<p>Characterize how the Cree lived.</p>	
<p>Carrier, Roch. The Flying Canoe. 2004, 0887766366. In this retelling of a classic folktale from Quebec, it's New Year's Eve, 1846, and 11-year-old Baptiste has come to live and work among the lumberjacks of Canada. They all miss their friends and families. As midnight approaches, they come up with a magical plan to get them home for the New Year celebrations.</p>	<p>Folktale</p>	<p>Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time and place.</p>	
<p>Ellis, Sarah. A Prairie as Wide as the Sea, The Immigrant Diary of Ivy Weatherall, 2001. (Dear Canada).</p>	<p>Historical Novel</p>	<p>Novel study or read aloud. Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.</p>	
<p>Say, Allen. Grandfather's Journey. 1993, 0395570352. With brief text and watercolour illustrations, Say tells the story of his grandfather's coming to America and then his return to Japan—only to be caught there during the terrible years of World War II. Say follows his grandfather's footsteps—but, like his grandfather, he is often homesick for the country he is not in. Caldecott Medal 1994.</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	<p>Tell how your family came to North America and Canada.</p>	
<p>Maki, Wilma. Weaving A Country: Stories From Canadian Immigrants, 2003, 1895766176. An excellent collection of Canadian immigrant stories accompanied with some relevant historical notes.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Teacher reference. Read individual immigrant stories aloud.</p>	
<p>Silvey, Diane. Kids Book of Aboriginal Peoples in Canada. 2005, 1550749986. Another in the Kids Book series on Canada and Canadian history. With index, timeline and table of contents this title has good colour drawings, accessible format, and lots of sidebars with quick facts and added interest items. An important book to have.</p>	<p>Non fiction</p>	<p>Use for research and reference.</p>	

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<p>Lee, Milly. Landed. 2006, 0374343144. After leaving his home in southeastern China, 12-year-old Sun is held and interrogated on Angel Island before being allowed to join his merchant father in San Francisco. Include historic notes. A moving account of what it was really like for many immigrants who came to North America.</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	<p>Characterize what it must have been like for many people coming to North America, and compare to attitudes of people today.</p>	
<p>Bruchac, Joseph. Winter People. 0803726945. Fourteen-year-old Saxso, a member of the Abenaki tribe in Canada, embarks on a dangerous rescue mission when his mother and two younger sisters are taken hostage during an attack by the British on their unprotected village in 1759. The young hero feels he failed his family by attempting a brave rescue of a neighbour's child, instead of following through on his original plan to lead his mother and sisters to safety while they avoid the raid on their village. He then must find out their fate and, if possible, rescue them. A strong, solid story of warmth, friendship and intelligent courage with enough action to interest a variety of readers.</p>	<p>Novel</p>	<p>Novel study</p>	
<p>Warwaruk, Larry. Andrei and the Snowwalker. 2002, 1-55050-213-1. One of a series of children's historical novels that celebrate Canada's cultural diversity. Set near Batoche, Saskatchewan, in 1900, this story tells of the hardships faced by Ukrainian families homesteading on the prairie, and the sacrifices typical of many families who pioneered to open up the Canadian west. Twelve year old Andrei, and his family, including his grandfather, work to build their home, clear the land, adjust to new ways and new friends, while cherishing stories and traditions from their homeland. Andrei's Metis friend has told him of the great power and wisdom of Snowwalker, the medicine man, and when faced with the crisis of being lost in a raging spring blizzard Andrei finds that it is the Snowwalker who gives him strength and help, rather than his grandfather's Ukrainian relic. The novel is well written, with</p>	<p>Novel</p>	<p>How did the Ukrainian people contribute to the development of Canada? How many examples of aboriginals helping the Europeans who came to Canada can you list?</p>	

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imagery and details to describe the landscape, people and culture, and a plot that includes some mystery and adventure.		
Butts, Ed. She Dared: True Stories of Heroines, Scoundrels, and Renegades. 2005, 0887767184. Here are the fascinating stories of 15 women who surprised the world by their daring actions.	Biography	Read individual stories aloud as interest arousers. Use for research in biography projects.
Renaud, Anne. A Bloom of Friendship: The Story of the Canadian Tulip Festival. 2004, 189422289X. The Canadian Tulip Festival is the largest of its kind, drawing people from all over the world. This annual event was inspired not only by the love of flowers, but by the lasting friendship between the Netherlands and Canada that resulted from the Canadian troops who helped liberate Holland in both World War I and World War II.	Non-fiction	Appreciate the role Canadians played in the Netherlands during World War II.
Guest, Jacqueline. Belle of Batoche. 2004, 1551432978. Belle, an 11-year-old Métis girl, is caught up in the Riel Rebellion of 1885. The author draws on her family history to weave this story of the rebellion. It shows Métis children at the time of the Riel Rebellion living comfortably within two cultures. It's a short chapter book, an easy read.	Novel	Read aloud. Novel study.
Trottier, Maxine. Storm at Batoche. 2000, 0773732489. During a fierce prairie storm, James falls out of his family's wagon. His parents disappear in the blizzard, but a man on horseback appears and takes James to his small cabin. The man will only say that his name is Louis. While he prepares an evening meal of "galette," Louis promises to teach James how to make it. James says his mother makes the same type of bread but she calls it "bannock," highlighting the differences and similarities between their cultures. This imaginary encounter between Louis Riel and a young boy reveals many details about life in the Canadian prairies around 1870.	Picture book	Compare life in 1870 with our lives today on the Canadian prairies.
Montgomery, L M. Anne of Green Gables. 1908, 0140367411. This best-known of Canadian classics is a turn-of-the-century novel that reminds us that	Novel	Read aloud. Novel study.

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humour, romance, and decency of spirit are timeless qualities. It's the story of an orphan girl mistakenly placed in the Prince Edward Island home of the Cuthberts (a brother and sister getting on in years). Extremely well-written and funny, this is a Canadian story that no child should miss.			
Truss, Jan. A Very Small Rebellion . 1977, 2005, 1550419307. Parallel stories unfold: the story of Louis Riel and the revolt he led in support of a Métis Nation, and a tale of contemporary Métis children voicing their own protest.	Novel	Read aloud. Novel study.	
Mowat, Farley. Owls in the Family . 1973, 0771066473. What happens when a duo of owls invade a family? Billy has the unenviable task of trying to keep his feathered friends out of harm's way, a challenge when they insist upon doing such things as contributing a dead skunk to the family dinner. A funny, short chapter book set in Saskatchewan during the mid 1900's.	Novel	Read aloud. Novel study. Have boys do Owls in the Family as a novel study while the girls do Anne of Green Gables .	
Canadian Folk Songs for the Young . 1999, 1550542575. Words and melodies for a fine selection of easy folksongs, with words in other languages accompanied by English translations. Includes French and Aboriginal folk songs. A few paragraphs of information on cultural background accompanies each song.	Music	Sing selected folk songs.	
Tyrrell, Frances. Huron Carol . 1990, 0886192803. Students will love singing this hauntingly beautiful Aboriginal Christmas carol.	Music	Sing the Huron Carol at the annual Christmas event.	
Wallace, Ian. Huron Carol . 2006, 9780888997111. New illustrated version of traditional carol.	Music	Sing the Huron Carol at the annual Christmas event.	
Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuk. Silver Threads . 1996, 0-670-86677-6. This is a story of a young husband and wife, immigrants to Canada from the Ukraine in the early 20th century, whose lives were unjustly interrupted by World War I and internment. O/P	Non fiction	Use for developing understanding different perspectives in Canadian history. Explain how changes in society can affect identity.	
Trottier, Maxine. Mr. Hiroshi's Garden . 2006, 978-1550051520. Set on the West Coast during the	Picture Book	Use for developing understanding different	

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<p>Second World War, this sad and beautiful book tells of the friendship between Mary, a prairie girl visiting her grandmother for the summer, and Mr. Hiroshi, the next-door neighbour, who shares his garden with her until he is interned with the other Japanese Canadians in the area. Also published under the name “Flags.”</p>		<p>perspectives in Canadian history. Explain how changes in society can affect identity. Coming to Canada wasn't always a positive experience.</p>	
<p>Langston, Laura. Lesia's Dream. 2003, 9780006392835. Fifteen-year-old Lesia and her family leave Baba in their Ukrainian hometown and flee to Canada. Dreaming of fields of wheat and wealth and security, Lesia's family look forward to a life in Canada free from hunger and poverty and rumours of war. But the 160 acres of uncleared prairie they buy in Manitoba look nothing like the wheat fields of their dreams. And even though there is no fighting in Canada, the First World War follows them there. Life in her adopted country is not what she bargained for, but as Lesia fights to survive, she discovers that even in a hardscrabble land, dreams can come true.</p>	<p>Novel</p>	<p>Use for developing understanding different perspectives in Canadian history. Coming to Canada wasn't always a positive experience.</p>	
<p>Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuk. Prisoners in a Promised Land, (Dear Canada). 2007, 9780439956925. Prisoners in the Promised Land tells of one family's journey from their home in Austria-Hungary to a new life in the land of promise. Told through the eyes of young Anya Soloniuk, readers will find how Anya and her family's bright hopes are replaced by hardships and imprisonment by the Canadian government. The writer sustains the innocent, gentle voice of Anya, who wonders why her family was encouraged to come to a country only to be placed in an internment camp, though they had done nothing wrong. References to communities in Alberta, and photos salvaged from the camps.</p>	<p>Novel</p>	<p>Use for developing understanding different perspectives in Canadian history. Explain how changes in society can affect identity.</p>	
<p>Yolen, Jane. Encounter. 1992, 015201389X. A Taino Indian boy on the island of San Salvador recounts the landing of Columbus and his men in 1492.</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	<p>Use for developing an appreciation of different perspectives. After reading, have students analyze illustrations as well as text.</p>	

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<p>Marsden, John. The Rabbits. 2003. 0-9688768-8-9. This simple but powerful allegory describes the results of most of the colonizations in the history of our planet. The spare text and stylized illustrations tell the chilling story of invasion, environmental destruction and cultural subjugation in simple child-like terms. This is an excellent opener for discussion at many levels. A library "must-have."</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	<p>Use for building appreciation of different perspectives.</p>	
<p>Sis, Peter. Follow the Dream: The Story of Christopher Columbus. 2003, 9780679806288. Through intricate and richly detailed pictures, Peter Sis takes us into this 15th-century world, giving a remarkable artist's interpretation of the Columbus story.</p>	<p>Biography</p>	<p>Use for research in biography project.</p>	
<p>Toye, William. Illus. Elizabeth Cleaver. The Loon's Necklace. 1977, 0195406753. This is the Native tale of how the loon came to have the distinctive white markings around its neck. Other titles: How Summer Came to Canada. 1969, 0195402901 The Fire Stealer. 1979 The Mountain Goats of Temlaham, 1969. O/P</p>	<p>Folklore (pourquoi)</p>	<p>Enjoy these Canadian Aboriginal folktales.</p>	<p>5.2.2 critically examine the ways of life of Aboriginal peoples in Canada by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do the stories of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples tell us about their beliefs regarding the relationship between people and the land? • How are the Aboriginal cultures and ways of life unique in each of the western, northern, central and eastern regions of Canada? • How were the natural environment and geography of each area of Canada determining factors of the diversity among Aboriginal groups (e.g., languages, symbolism)? • What was the significance of the potlatch to the identity of the Aboriginal peoples of the Northwest Coast? • In what ways do anthropology and archaeology contribute to our understanding of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples?
<p>Cardinal, Phyllis. The Cree People. 1997, 155220037X. The Cree people of Alberta are shown both past and present, and in transition.</p>	<p>Non fiction</p>	<p>Use for research. Characterize the Cree people.</p>	
<p>Erdrich, Louise. The Birchbark House, 1999, 0786814543. Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847. Sequel: The Game of Silence.</p>	<p>Novel</p>	<p>Read aloud chapter book.</p>	
<p>Ellis, Sarah. Dear Canada series: A Prairie as Wide as the Sea -- The Immigrant Diary of Ivy Weatherall, Milorie, Saskatchewan, 1926. 2001, 0439988330. Did you ever think that pioneer girls had to be perfect, polite, follow rules and be seen and not heard? Well, this is all Ivy is not.</p>	<p>Novel</p>	<p>Read aloud chapter book. Read Jingle the Brass to find out more about traveling on the old trains.</p>	
<p>Crow, Joseph Medicine. Counting Coup: Becoming a Crow Chief on the Reservation and Beyond.</p>	<p>Biography</p>	<p>How have the lives of Aboriginals changed in the</p>	

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<p>2006, 978-0792253921. (National Geographic). Joseph Medicine Crow was born in 1913 on the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana. Trained as a warrior by his grandfather and unaware of the struggles of the tribe, Medicine Crow fondly remembers a childhood filled with outdoor games, mud fights, and family gatherings. Despite a terrible experience at the Baptist mission school, he went away to boarding school in Oklahoma, and in 1938, he became the first male Crow Indian to graduate from college. He studied anthropology until he was inducted into the army in 1942. For Medicine Crow's bravery in World War II, he was declared a Crow war chief. Medicine Crow's gentle humor make his recollections easy to read and hard to forget.</p>		<p>last 100 years?</p>	
<p>Marshall, Ingeborg. Beothuk of Newfoundland: A Vanished People. 1991, 9780920911181.</p>	<p>Non fiction</p>	<p>Use for research.</p>	
<p>Kalman, Bobbie. Famous Native North Americans. With index, glossary, table of contents, appealing format, and beautiful, large, bright illustrations, this book provides a look at famous native North Americans, from past to present.</p>	<p>Non fiction</p>	<p>Use for research in a biography project.</p>	
<p>Kalman, Bobbie. Nations of the Northwest Coast. With index, glossary, table of contents, appealing format, and large, bright illustrations, here is an historical look at the people and their culture.</p>	<p>Non fiction</p>	<p>Characterize the lives of the Aboriginal people of this area.</p>	
<p>Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. The Lamp, the Ice, and the Boat Called Fish, 2001, 0-618-00341-X. Based on the true story of the boat “Fish,” part of the Canadian Arctic Expedition in 1913, this beautiful book details the struggle to survive in the high arctic. It demonstrates the knowledge needed for survival in the far north and the skills the Inupiaq had for survival. The explorers take along an Inupiaq family for their survival skills and knowledge. The family provides hunting skills, sewing, snow houses, and much care and wisdom for the expedition.</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	<p>List and explain things the Inupiaq people knew that helped them survive in the arctic. What is unique about their way of life?</p>	
<p>Hoyt-Goldsmith, Diane. Potlatch: A Tsimshian Celebration. 1997, 0823412903. Describes the</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	<p>Describe a potlatch. What was the significance of</p>	

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traditions of the Tsimshian Indians of the Northwest Coast, and particularly those connected with a potlatch they hold to celebrate their heritage.		the potlatch to the identity of the Aboriginal peoples of the Northwest Coast?
Spalding, Andrew. Secret of the Dance . 2006, 1551433966. A young Aboriginal boy witnesses a secret ceremony (potlatch) after being told that dancing is forbidden by law. Evocative illustrations capture the west coast landscape and the sense of secrecy that is central to the story.	Picture Book	Describe a potlatch. What was the significance of the potlatch to the identity of the Aboriginal peoples of the west coast? Discuss the actions of the federal government.
Baldwin, Douglas. Dawn Of Canada , 2003, 1553880102. With table of contents, index, glossary, appealing format, lots of detailed illustrations, sidebars, and topical presentations on each page, this provides very usable material. Canadian, and a rare find for this topic.	Non-fiction	Research and report writing. Flow chart or time line. Vocabulary development
Berry, Susan. Aboriginal Cultures in Alberta: Five Hundred Generations . 2004, 0-7785-2852-9. This book can be used as a student or teacher resource. Lots of well-researched information with great photos. One copy has been distributed free to each school in Alberta. Schools are encouraged to contact the Provincial Museum of Alberta for additional copies.	Non fiction	Use for research and reference.
Robinson, Deborah. Cree . 2002, 0822541785. Describes the history, modern and traditional cultural practices and economies, geographic background, and ongoing oppression and struggles of the Cree.	Non fiction	Use for research and reference.
Loyie, Larry. As Long as the Rivers Flow: A Last Summer Before Residential School . 2002, 0-8899-473-7. A short novel in picture book style about Larry, who at 10 was living with his family near Slave Lake in Alberta when he learned that he must go away to school. An epilogue, complete with photos, show the residential school situation as Lawrence lived it from age 10 –14.	Novel	Novel study or read aloud. Characterize the time period.
Bouchard, David. The Song Within My Heart , 2002, 1-55192-559-1. Features poetry which celebrates	Non-fiction	Use to develop Aboriginal perspective and awareness.

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<p>Aboriginal traditions. The importance of drumming, sacredness of story and wisdom of elders are brought to the forefront. An excellent book for deepening understanding and respect for Aboriginal culture. Written reflections of the Cree illustrator are featured. A young boy asks his Nokum what the drums and stories at the powwow mean. She explains that the singing and dancing are for him to find his own stories- he must find the song within his heart. The beautiful artwork by the renowned Cree painter, Allen Sapp, compliments the story. His note at the end describes his feelings about the importance of the powwow and the importance of keeping the young involved with their own culture.</p>			
<p>Baldwin, Douglas. New France and the Fur Trade, 2003, 1553880110. With table of contents, index, glossary, appealing format, lots of detailed illustrations, sidebars, and topical presentations on each page, this provides very usable material. Canadian, and a rare find for this topic.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Research and report writing. Flow chart or time line. Vocabulary development</p>	<p>5.2.3 critically examine ways of life in New France by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do stories and legends of the coureurs des bois and voyageurs inform us about Francophone history, culture and presence throughout Canada?
<p>Stewart, Sharon. Banished From Our Home: The Acadian Diary of Angelique Richard (Dear Canada series), 2004, 0439974216. Marking the 400th anniversary of Acadia, this story takes readers to the historic site where the battle between the French and English took place. Angelique describes for students the emotions and experiences as families are being torn apart and forced to settle far from one another, including her family as her brother is fighting for the Acadian cause.</p>	<p>Novel</p>	<p>Novel study or read aloud. Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do stories about the habitants tell us about Francophone history, culture and presence in Canada?
<p>Hope-Simpson, Lila. Fiddles and Spoons: Journey of an Acadian Mouse. 2004, 2980817724. The Acadian spirit shines through when Cecile Souris and her mouse family find themselves deported from their beloved Grand Pré to a faraway land</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	<p>Characterize the time period</p>	
<p>Hudak, Heather. Settlers. 2007, 9781553882442. (Early Canada) Colourful photographs, maps and images are used to explain the key people and events that shaped Canada's development as a nation. Other</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Use for research projects.</p>	

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titles in series: Fur Traders Explorers Missionaries			
Trottier, Maxine. Claire's Gift . 1999, 059051461X. In Chéticamp, Nova Scotia, rug hooking has become an art, and its hooked rugs and wall hangings are known around the world. Young Claire has been sent to live with her great-aunt for the summer. How can Tante Marie make friends with this small silent girl? All she can think to do is to go back to hooking her rug... and suddenly Claire shows an interest. This is a heartwarming story of friendship between generations and the value of traditional crafts handed down.	Picture Book	Characterize the time period	
Owens, Ann-Maureen. Forts of Canada . 1998, 155074271X. Introduces kids to the different types of forts built across Canada. Shows how Aboriginal people built Canada's first forts and how a 14-year-old girl saved a fort from attack. Includes hands-on activities. Spans Fort Rodd Hill in British Columbia to Signal Hill in Newfoundland, and includes a chart and map describing and locating all of Canada's forts.	Non-fiction	Use for research projects.	
Downie, Mary Alice. A Song for Acadia , 1980, 2004, 1551094746. Very short novel about the expulsion of the Acadians in 1755, told from the point of view of a young boy.	Short novel	Characterize the time period	
Zronik, John. Sieur de La Salle: New World Adventurer . (In the Footsteps of Explorers.) 2006, 0778724131. With lots of high quality illustrations and text in small, appealing formats, this book will help history become meaningful for students.	Non-fiction	Research on explorers. Biography project.	
Snider, Janet & Sherwood, Betty. La Salle and the Rise of New France . 2005, 0968804934. La Salle, a visionary with lots of energy and resolve was the driving force behind King Louis XIV's acquisition of Louisiana.	Non-fiction	Research on explorers. Biography project.	
Trottier, Maxine. Alone in an Untamed Land: The Filles du Roi Diary of Hélène St. Onge . (Dear Canada series), 2003, 0-439-98969-8. Journal of a	Novel	Novel study or read aloud. Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.	

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<p>thirteen-year-old girl orphaned in France in 1666 who comes to Montreal as a prospective bride, part of the King of France’s plan to increase the population of New France. H�el�ene becomes friends with a young Metis girl returning to Canada with her father, but encounters many unexpected adventures and surprises in the new land.</p>			
<p>Andrews, Jan. Winter of Peril: The Newfoundland Diary of Sophie Loveridge, Mairie’s cove, New-Found-Land, 1721. (Dear Canada series) 2004, 0779114094. Sophie’s father is determined to travel to the New World and write an epic poem about his adventure, against Sophie and her mother’s wishes. After their long voyage, they arrive to a “new world” indeed. Will they be able to survive the winter in this harsh country?</p>	<p>Novel</p>	<p>Novel study or read aloud. Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.</p>	
<p>Durbin, William. The Broken Blade, 1997, 0-440-41184-X. In 1800 Pierre quits school to become a voyageur for the North West Company to earn money so his family can survive the winter. It’s hard for Pierre as the youngest on the team. But he has no choice but to endure the trip to Grand Portage and back. The author brings in a wealth of facts about the canoes, the countryside, and tools the voyageurs used. Readers will greatly enjoy this unusual journey and Pierre’s developing bravery, strength of character, and self-reliance.</p>	<p>Novel</p>	<p>Read aloud Novel study Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.</p>	
<p>Pendziwol, Jean E. The Red Sash. 2005, 0-88899-589-X. It is Rendezvous, when the voyageurs who spend the winter in the North American wilderness come back to the trading post of Fort William, at the head of the Great Lakes. A storm hits, and a young M�etis boy helps to save one of the travelers. Historically-accurate illustrations give an authentic picture of life at this busy fur-trading post.</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	<p>Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.</p>	
<p>Bailey, Katharine. Radison & des Groseilliers: Fur Traders of the North. (In the Footsteps of Explorers.) 2006, 0778724220. With lots of high quality illustrations and text in small, appealing</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Research on explorers. Biography project.</p>	

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formats, this book will help history become meaningful for students.			
Trottier, Maxine. Sister to the Wolf . 2004, 155337519X. When Cécile, who is French, sees Lesharo, who is Pawnee, being mistreated by his owner, she purchases him. She and her father give him his freedom, and they become fast friends. They try to live in the world of the French fur trade, but they are torn between two worlds. A superb novel, well worth doing as a novel study.	Novel	Novel study or read aloud. Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.	
Wargin, Kathy-jo. Voyageur's Paddle . 2007, 1585360074. Story of a boy who helps bring his voyageur father safely home through an early storm. Lots of details about a voyageur's life.	Picture book	Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.	
Demers, Barbara. 2000. Willa's New World , 1999, 1-55050-150-X. Willa is 15 and arrives in York Factory on the Hudson Bay in 1795. She is on her own trying to survive the hardships of a new world, unrelenting cold, and some rough characters in the fur trade business. And then she must face a journey to Fort Edmonton. Provides a very honest and compassionate look at the relationship between the First Peoples and the incoming Europeans.	Novel	Novel study. Timeline of events. Compare Aboriginal and European culture and values.	5.2.4 critically examine ways of life of the fur traders by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are the stories of the Métis people, their culture and heritage rooted in the fur trade? • How do stories about ways of life in fur trade forts reflect the British influence in Canada? • What were the main languages spoken by fur traders and their families in the fur trade forts?
Trottier, Maxine. Circle of Silver . (The Circle of Silver Chronicles series), 1999, 0-7737-6055-5. It is 1760 and John has come to Canada with his father. A Circle of Silver brings history to life in an intriguing and well-written way as it tells of John's adventures. Since there are two other books in the trilogy, there is the added advantage of having further stories to offer students.	Novel	Novel study or read aloud. Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.	
Nault, Jennifer. Hudson's Bay Company (Canadian Fur Trade)2007, 1553882164. The perfect grade 5 resource, highly attractive visually, excellent format, diagrams, photos, includes first-hand accounts, biographies, aboriginal relationships, trade routes, forts, posts. Other titles in the series: Forts and Trading Posts North West Company	Non fiction	Use for research.	

Trade Routes			
Baldwin, Douglas. Revolution, War and the Loyalists , 2003, 1553880129. With table of contents, index, glossary, appealing format, lots of detailed illustrations, sidebars, and topical presentations on each page, this provides very usable material. Canadian, and a rare find for this topic.	Non-fiction	Use for research on loyalists.	5.2.5 critically examine ways of life of the United Empire Loyalists by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do stories of the United Empire Loyalists tell us about the British culture and presence in Canada? • How did the diversity of United Empire Loyalists contribute to Canadian diversity?
Downie, Mary Alice. A Pioneer ABC . 2005, 0887766889. Alliterative sentences for each letter with lovely pioneer pictures for each taken from the lives of the United Empire Loyalists who escaped to Canada after the American Revolution.	Non-fiction	Characterize pioneer life of the United Empire Loyalists.	
With Nothing but Our Courage: The Loyalist Diary of Mary Macdonald , (Dear Canada series) 2002, 0439989795. When Mary’s family sides with the British against the American rebels, they are branded traitors and forced to flee their home. All they have is what they can carry with them – and their determination and courage – when they head north toward Canada.	Novel	Novel study or read aloud. Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period. Retell the story of the loyalists.	5.2.6 critically examine the ways of life of immigrants from the British Isles during the Great Migration by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do stories of Irish and Scottish immigrants tell us about their heritage and presence in Canada? • What do the stories of the British peoples tell us about the British history, culture and presence in Canada?
Smucker, Barbara. Selina and the Bear Paw Quilt . 1999, 05-17-885-786. In the 1860’s, when Civil War threatens a Mennonite community in Pennsylvania, Selina moves with her family to Upper Canada. Clutched in her arms is her most prized possession--the quilt cover given to her by Grandmother, who has chosen to remain behind. Traditional quilt patterns create borders for Janet Wilson’s warm paintings of a caring family with strong beliefs. Quilts and quilt designs lend themselves to many math activities.	Picture Book	Compare the Mennonites in this story with the United Empire Loyalists and with the expulsion of the Acadians.	
Ellis, Sarah. The Several Lives of Orphan Jack , 2003, 0-88899-618-7. For young Jack, life is tough at the Opportunities School for Orphans and Foundlings, but he is very good at avoiding trouble. Then when Jack turns 12, he is given the biggest opportunity of all, and suddenly his life is nothing but trouble.... Here is a wonderfully funny and clever short story, not to be missed!	Novel	Novel study or read aloud. Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.	
Spray, Carole. The Mare’s Egg , 1980, 0920656072.	Picture	Read for enjoyment.	

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<p>A new settler in Canada is hoodwinked into purchasing a “mare’s egg” – actually a pumpkin – which, he is convinced, will hatch into the perfect horse. A very funny story about being a settler in Canada.</p>	<p>Book</p>	<p>Identify culture and values. Flow chart. Identify characteristics of pioneer life.</p>	
<p>Taylor, Joanne. Making Room. 2004, 088776651X. John William Smith clears some land in a broad valley to build his home. Upon completion, he decides he needs a wife. In turn, she decides they need a pantry and when it is completed, a cradle, some extra bedrooms, another house added on for the extended family, a parlour, and so on until they need to retire. Their family builds them a cozy cottage near the orchard and tenderly care for them in their old age. Rich, full-page oil paintings evoke a sense of the rural landscape of Nova Scotia in the 1800s. Excellent family story that also reflects people and their environment through time. Enjoyable read aloud with repeated refrain.</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	<p>Read for enjoyment. Identify characteristics of life in Nova Scotia in the 1800’s</p>	
<p>Holt, Faye Reineberg. Settling In: First Homes on the Prairies, 1999, 1894004345. It’s an area of flat lands and harsh conditions in summer and winter. On the Canadian prairies, having a proper home to keep you warm in winter and cool in summer is more than important -- it’s a matter of life and death. The author examines these homes that are surprisingly diverse, and range from teepees to missions to mansions. From Native people to traders to settlers from different areas of the world, Holt presents the lifestyles and challenges that existed in this challenging period.</p>	<p>Non fiction</p>	<p>Use for research. Characterize immigrant life.</p>	
<p>Hodge, Deborah. Kids Book of Canadian Immigration. 2006, 1553374843. Excellent recent addition to this important series. People from more than 200 cultures now call Canada home. Many of their stories and their contributions to this country are told here. Featuring stories of ethnic groups, mini-profiles, maps, archival documents and first-person accounts, this richly-illustrated book provides a</p>	<p>Non fiction</p>	<p>Use for research.</p>	

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comprehensive look at our immigration history.		
Renaud, Anne. Island of Hope and Sorrow: The Story of Grosse Île. 2007, 1897073542. From 1832 to 1937 more than four million people sailed across the Atlantic to the port of Quebec with the dream of creating better lives for themselves in the New World. During this period, a tiny island called Grosse Île, located fifty kilometres downstream from the port, served as a quarantine station. Its mission was to prevent ship passengers from spreading diseases to the mainland. This is the story of the island, which served both as gateway and graveyard for the thousands of people who landed on its shores, and of the caring island workers who welcomed them.	Non fiction	Use for research. Characterize immigrant life.
Safe and Sound: Arriving in the New World. 2004, 189711804X. Period photos detailing some of the 150,000 immigrants who came yearly to Canada at the beginning of the 20 th Century.	Photo essay	Use for research. Characterize the immigrant experience.
Henbest, Bruce. Early Settlers. 2003, 1-552-20220-8. Early Settlers tells about the legacies that Aboriginal people and early settlers have passed on to us. Legends, pictures, photos, activity cards and fun projects are included.	Non fiction	Use for research. Characterize settler life.
Reynolds, Marilyn. The New Land: A First Year on the Prairie, 1997, 1551430711. An informative view of the circle of seasons for a pioneer family in Canada.	Picture Book	T-chart to compare boy's life with your own.
Reynolds, Marilyn. Prairie Fire, 1999, 1551431750. With a devastating prairie fire heading towards his home, Percy demonstrates his maturity as the family works together to overcome the crisis.	Picture Book	Read for enjoyment. Use pictures and text to characterize prairie life in pioneer times.
Vaughan, Garth. Tommy's New Block Skates. 2004, 1551094991. A wonderful book! Tommy gets his first pair of (homemade) skates and can now play hockey! Set in early Canada, we see the blacksmith shop, the shoemaker's shop, horse-drawn wagons and inside pioneer farms homes. Excellent illustrations.	Picture Book	Read for enjoyment. Use pictures and text to characterize prairie life in pioneer times.
Fitz-Gibbon, Sally. Lizzie's Storm: New Beginnings, 2004, 1550417932. When she is suddenly orphaned,	Beginning Chapter	Chapter book to read aloud. Characterize life on the

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<p>Lizzie’s life in London is over. And nothing could prepare her for her new home a whole continent away on a dusty Canadian prairie farm. Bitter and despondent, Lizzie knows that she will never – ever – fit in. But one day a dust storm blows up. Alone in the house, Lizzie knows her aunt is out there, somewhere in the storm. Despite her own fear, she knows what she must do.</p>	<p>Book</p>	<p>prairies during the 1930’s. Tell family stories about the 1930’s.</p>	
<p>Kurelek, William and Margaret S. Engelhart. They Sought A New World: The Story of European Immigration to North America, 1985, 1999 reprint, 0887762131. Since 1820, some 50 million Europeans have immigrated to the North America. Here is a collection of “immigrant” stories and paintings that give a unique view of what it meant to be an immigrant and the child of an immigrant. O/P</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	<p>Read Mare’s Egg and compare using a matrix.</p>	
<p>A Trail of Broken Dreams: the Gold Rush Diary of Harriet Palmer (Dear Canada series), 2004, 043997405-4. When her mother dies, Harriet joins a wagon train going from the Red River Settlement to the gold rush in Cariboo to find her father.</p>	<p>Novel</p>	<p>Novel study or read aloud. Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.</p>	
<p>Berton, Pierre. Golden Trail: The Story of the Klondike Rush, 2004, 189485604X. Here is a story of unbelievable hardship and superhuman effort.</p>	<p>Non fiction</p>	<p>Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.</p>	
<p>Provensen, Alice. Klondike Gold. 2005, 0689848854. In 1897, gold was discovered in the Klondike in the Yukon Territories, setting off a wave of gold fever. Thousands traveled north in search of wealth, and thousands died. Follow their grueling journey and adventures in this fictionalized story of the gold rush. Superb illustrations loaded with detailed information.</p>	<p>Non fiction</p>	<p>Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.</p>	
<p>Hobbs, Will. Jason's Gold. 1999, 0-380-72914-8. Jason Hawthorn has gold rush fever. Soon after he hears about the discovery of gold in the Yukon, he sets off to find his brothers and together go after the gold. Much to his dismay his brothers have already left and so alone he makes the difficult and often dangerous journey to the Klondike. Along the way he has many adventures and meets colourful characters</p>	<p>Novel</p>	<p>What effect did the Klondike Gold Rush have on western Canada?</p>	

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including a young writer, Jack London. Another one of Will Hobb's great adventures for kids.			
Lawson, Julie. Klondike Cat . 2002, 1-55337-013-9. During the Klondike gold rush, a boy smuggles a cat into his father's gear for the trip. When they run out of money, the kittens become a valuable commodity in a camp city overrun with mice! This income saves the day. This is a glimpse of a great adventure in our history and of a time when a cat was a very valuable animal!	Picture book	Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.	
Holubitsky, Katherine. The Mountain that Walked . 2005, 1-55143-376-1. A sixteen-year-old orphan, Charlie, has come to Canada as a Bernardo Boy, part of a group of London orphan children who came to be fostered on Canadian farms. Charlie is taken by a violent pair of brothers who beat and work him near to death. He escapes to the mining area in the Crowsnest Pass where he settles in the tent camp on the flats below Turtle Mountain in the town of Frank, Alberta in April of 1903 just days before the Frank Slide. This story tells of some of the key points in Canadian history and carries an air of authenticity in the details. Well researched. Extremely well done novel, a real page-turner, with great boy appeal.	Novel	Novel study Characterize lifestyles in Alberta in the early 1900's.	
Draper, Penny. Terror at Turtle Mountain . 2006, 155050343X. Here is a gripping adventure set in 1903. Many townspeople work in the mine at Turtle Mountain. One morning, Nathalie, 13, is jolted awake by a rockslide that buries part of the town and its inhabitants, and also traps a group of miners inside the mountain. She and others work frantically to find survivors, and the teen saves a baby. In addition, there are perspectives from the trapped miners and from a railroad worker trying to stop an oncoming train. Readers are not spared the terror and impact of the rockslide.	Novel	Novel study Characterize lifestyles in Alberta in the early 1900's.	
Newhouse, Maxwell. RCMP Musical Ride , 2004, 0-88776-683-8. A look at this icon of Canadian culture is a must for every Canadian school library, which	Non-fiction	Read for enjoyment. Research the role of the RCMP in western Canadian	5.2.7 critically examine how the North-West Mounted Police shaped ways of life in Canada by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and

<p>recounts the history, training and role of the RCMP musical ride in Canada.</p>		<p>history. Use resources such as The Canadian Encyclopedia in the Online Reference Centre, http://www.learnalberta.ca</p>	<p>issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do stories of the North-West Mounted Police tell us about the settlement and development of Western and Northern Canada? • How have stories of the North-West Mounted Police shaped identity in Western and Northern Canada?
<p>Adler, David A. Enemies Of Slavery, 2004, 0823415961. Here are short stories of such people as Harriet Tubman, Elijah Lovejoy, Denmark Vesey and Charles Sumner who stand out as champions of freedom in the time of slavery.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Characterize the time of slavery of black people in the United States (and Canada).</p>	
<p>Isaacs, Sally Senzell. Life On The Underground Railroad, 2002. Pictures the Past series deals with American events, but this title is an important topic that Canadian students should see. It includes not only a Table of Contents, Glossary and Index, but also a map, recipe, timeline and references. Alongside the text is powerful graphic imagery that tells the tale with stinging realism that may haunt sensitive readers.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Characterize the time of slavery of black people in the United States (and Canada).</p>	<p>5.2.8 critically examine ways of life of non-European immigrants by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do the stories of the Chinese immigrants contribute to an understanding of the development of Canada (i.e., railway workers)? • What do stories of the Underground Railroad tell us about the history and presence of Black communities in Canada? • How do stories of immigrants from India contribute to an understanding of diversity in Canada?
<p>Gorrell, North Star to Freedom: The Story of the Underground Railroad, 1996, 0773729887. This is a fascinating and thorough account of the history of the Underground Railroad, from the origins of slavery through the Civil War and beyond.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Characterize the time of slavery of black people in the United States (and Canada).</p>	
<p>Woodson, Jacqueline. Show Way. 2005, 0399237496. The making of "Show ways," or quilts which once served as secret maps for freedom-seeking slaves, is a tradition passed from mother to daughter in the author's family.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Characterize the time of slavery of black people in the United States (and Canada). How did some black people escape slavery?</p>	
<p>Rappaport, Doreen. Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 2001, 978-1423106357. In this elegant pictorial biography of Martin Luther King Jr., the author combines her spare, lyrical text with King's own words for an effective, age-appropriate portrayal of one of the world's greatest civil rights leaders. Follows King's youth, when he looked up to his preacher father and vowed one day to "get big words, too," to his death at a garbage workers' strike ("On his second day there,</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Characterize the time of slavery of black people in the United States (and Canada).</p>	

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<p>he was shot. He died."). Caldecott Honor, 2002.</p>			
<p>Levine, Ellen. Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad. 2007, 978-0439777339. Here is the true story of Henry Brown, a slave who mailed himself to freedom after living through unthinkable adversity. As a boy, separated from his mother, he goes to work in his new master's tobacco factory and eventually meets and marries another slave, with whom he has three children. In a heart-wrenching scene, Henry watches as his family—suddenly sold in the slave market—disappears down the road. Henry then enlists the help of an abolitionist doctor and mails himself in a wooden crate "to a place where there are no slaves!" He travels by horse-drawn cart, steamboat and train before his box is delivered to the Philadelphia address of the doctor's friends on March 30, 1849. 2008 Caldecott Honor.</p>	<p>Non fiction Biography</p>	<p>Characterize the time of slavery of black people in the United States (and Canada). How did some black people escape slavery?</p>	
<p>Sadlier, Rosemary. Kids Book of Black Canadian History. Another in the Kids Book series on Canada and Canadian history. With index, timeline and table of contents this title has good colour drawings, accessible format, and lots of sidebars with quick facts and added interest items.</p>	<p>Non fiction</p>	<p>Share an interesting story of black contributions to Canada.</p>	
<p>Smucker, Barbara. Underground to Canada, 1977, 014031122X. Escaping to freedom in Canada via the underground railroad was the dream of many slaves. A story full of history and hope.</p>	<p>Novel</p>	<p>Novel study or read aloud. Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time of slavery of black people in the United States (and Canada).</p>	
<p>Curtis, Christopher Paul. Elijah of Buxton. 2007, 978-0439023443. Eleven-year-old Elijah is the first child born into freedom in Buxton, Canada, a settlement of runaway slaves just over the border from Detroit. But things change when a former slave steals money from Elijah's friend, who has been saving to buy his family out of captivity in the South. Elijah embarks on a dangerous journey to America in pursuit of the thief, and he discovers firsthand the unimaginable horrors of the life his parents fled—a</p>	<p>Novel</p>	<p>Characterize the time of slavery of black people in the United States (and Canada).</p>	

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life from which he'll always be free, if he can get back home. Newbery Honor 2008.			
Chan, Gillian. An Ocean Apart: The Gold Mountain Diary of Chin Mei-ling (Dear Canada series), 2004, 0779113535. Mei-ling is the twelve-year old daughter of an immigrant Chinese family in the early part of the 20th Century in Canada.	Novel	Novel study or read aloud. Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.	
Prince, Bryan. I Came as a Stranger: The Underground Railroad . 2004, 0-88776-667-6. Along with details about the politics and conditions of the time, here are fascinating, true episodes from the Underground Railroad. Here is a powerful history and a guide to sites and communities that commemorate the courage and suffering of people from a time not so very long ago.	Non fiction	Read aloud selected episodes. Characterize the time period. Retell some stories of the people of the Underground Railroad who helped escaping slaves.	
Winter, Jeanette. Follow the Drinking Gourd , 1992, 0679819975. Winter's story begins with a peg-leg sailor who aids slaves in their escape on the Underground Railroad. While working for plantation owners, Peg Leg Joe teaches the slaves a song about the drinking gourd (the Big Dipper). Slaves begin to escape by following the song's directions. History in picture book format.	Non fiction Picture Book	Read aloud Characterize the time of slavery of black people in the United States (and Canada). How did some black people escape slavery?	
Stroud, Bettye. Patchwork Path . 2005, 9780763635190	Picture Book		
Bierman, Carol. Journey to Ellis Island: how my father came to America . 1998, 0786803770. In September 1922, the Weinstein family leaves Russia to make a new life for themselves in America. This true account of one family's immigrant experience is illustrated with paintings, family photographs, period postcards and sepia prints.	Non fiction	Develop a set of questions to use in discovering the story of how your family came to Canada by interviewing family members. Read and compare to Pier 21: Gateway of Hope .	5.2.9 critically examine how European immigrants shaped ways of life in Western Canada by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do the stories of immigrants from Ukraine, Poland, Russia and Germany tell us about their history and presence in Western Canada? • How were European immigrants affected by pressures to conform in Western Canada?
McGugan, Jim. Josepha: A Prairie Boy's Story . 1994, 0889951012. When it comes time to say goodbye to Josepha, an immigrant boy who has been the butt of teasing at school because of his size and broken English, telling gifts are exchanged between Josepha, the schoolteacher, and his young friend. Kimber's award-winning illustrations show the sweep	Picture Book	Identify characteristics of pioneer life and what pioneers contributed to the developments of Alberta. In what ways did Josepha not fit in?	

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of the prairie, and give a sense of Josepha's alienation.		
Neering, Rosemary. Opening the West , 2006, 0176336567. An excellent resource – includes Red River, British Columbia, the Prairies, politics, settlement, and the railroad. Canada, A People's History series. Very well illustrated, excellent format.	Non fiction	How did European immigrants shape ways of life in Western Canada?
Schwartzenger, Tina. Germans in Canada . 2005, 155388129X. Includes settlers and the traditions they brought with them. Includes first-hand accounts. Very good, appealing format and high quality colour photos.	Non fiction	What do the stories of immigrants from Germany tell us about their history and presence in Western Canada?
Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuk. Aram's Choice . 2006, 1-55041-345-6. This story covers a unique and often overlooked period in Canadian history - the emigration of orphaned children who survived the Armenian genocide in Turkey during WW1. Aram is one of the "Georgetown Boys" who were brought to Georgetown, Ontario in 1923, and this story is based on the true story of Kevork Kevorkian. Straightforward, easy to read, prose tells the story of Aram's sadness at leaving his only relative, an elderly grandmother who had escaped with him to Corfu after the war; the uncertainty of his journey by train across Europe and by steamer to Canada; the fear of the unknown as he tried to understand new languages, clothes, food, people - feelings that will be familiar even today for many of our new Canadians and refugees. Easy reading.	Novel	What other groups of children were sent to Canada at various times in our history?
Hudak, Heather. Ukrainians in Canada . 2004, 1553881036. Includes settlers and the traditions they brought with them. Includes first-hand accounts. Very good, appealing format and high quality colour photos.	Non fiction	What do the stories of immigrants from the Ukraine tell us about their history and presence in Western Canada?
Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuk. Enough , 2000, 1550415093. This Ukrainian story is set during the famine of the 1930s. Marusia's ingenuity gives her the opportunity to go on a magical journey to find more food for her village. Generosity triumphs over greed.	Picture Book	What do the stories of immigrants from the Ukraine tell us about their history and presence in Western Canada?

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Excellent picture of conditions that can occur in a non-democratic country.		
Houston, Gloria. Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree . 1988, 0803703007. In the Appalachian mountains during the First World War, a family continues the community tradition of taking their turn to provide the Christmas tree for Pine Grove Church. Papa and Ruthie select the tree before he goes off to war. In her illustrations, Cooney captures both the sense of period, and the warm relationships of the family and community some eight decades past.	Picture Book	What would it have been like to have your Dad go off to war? How did World War I affect Canada?
Reynolds, Marilyn. The Name of the Child . 2002, 1551432218. A boy is sent to the country to escape the epidemic of 1918. There he must overcome his fears and rescue a new baby from illness and starvation.	Picture Book	Characterize lifestyles in the early 1900's.
Reynolds, Marilyn. Belle's Journey . 1993, 0920501907. Molly's father thinks it's time to get rid of Belle, the old brown mare that Molly rides the eight miles to her piano lessons, until Belle's tenacity and horse sense during a blizzard cause him to change his mind. The story recreates life on the Canadian prairies in the 1920's.	Picture Book	Characterize lifestyles in the early 1900's.
Tracey, Lindalee. A Scattering of Seeds , 1999, 1-55278-086-4. "They Came on Dreams, The Immigrants, to Build a Nation." The personalized stories of 10 immigrants from widely different countries make the settlement and development of Canada come to life in this extremely well-researched collection. Each story is followed by a historical summary that gives context to the story.	Non fiction stories to read aloud	Characterize the immigrant experience. Recount any immigrant or pioneer stories that you can discover from your family.
Skrypuch, Marsha. Silver Threads . 1996, 155041903X. Anna and Ivan, two young newlyweds, escape poverty and hardship in Ukraine to start a new life on the Canadian frontier. As they struggle to establish themselves, World War I breaks out, and Ivan is taken prisoner as an enemy. O/P	Picture Book	Find out about people from other countries that were imprisoned in Canada during the wars.
Kogawa, Joy. Naomi's Tree . 2008, 9781554550555. Based on the World War II story of Naomi and	Picture Book	Find out about people from Japan who came to Canada.

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Stephen in Naomi's Road, Naomi's Tree is a poetic story about enduring love and its almost mystical power to heal the spirit.		
Walsh, Alice. Pomiuk, Prince of the North . The year is 1893 in Chicago, and the most fabulous fair the world has ever seen becomes the home for a young Labrador Inuit boy called Pomiuk. Although he captures the hearts of millions of people who come to see “Eskimo village,” and he sees many wonders, he would rather be home. He eventually is able to return, but not before he has been crippled for life. Based on a true story.	Mini Novel	Discuss the ethics behind actions of various people in the story.
Granfield Linda. Pier 21: Gateway of Hope , 2000, 0887765173. From 1928 to 1971, Pier 21 was the gateway to Canada. As the landing port for immigrants, it saw more than one million new Canadians arrive. It also saw many Canadians leave, including 368,000 soldiers who sailed overseas during the World War II. This is the story Pier 21 and the many people who passed through it.	Non fiction	Read and compare to Journey to Ellis Island: how my father came to America
Hughes, Susan. Coming to Canada: Building A Life in A New Land . 2005, 1897066465. WOW Canada! series. An essential book! Tells the stories in brief and interesting text with lots of good illustrations of many of the immigrant groups that have come to Canada, starting with the Filles du Roi right up to the Somalian refugees in the 1990's.	Non fiction	Investigate the origins of your family and see if the stories of any of them are told in this book.
Our New Home: Immigrant Children Speak , 2007, 9781897187326.	Non fiction	
Kalman, Bobbie. Refugee Child . 2006, 9780778727606. Well-known author of children's non-fiction recounts the true story of her Hungarian childhood escape during the Revolution of 1956.	Auto biography	What do you see happening in this true story that would not happen in Canada? What contributions has Bobbie Kalman made?
Sis, Peter. The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain . Here is a powerful account of the author's childhood in Cold War–era Prague. Public displays of loyalty are compulsory. Children are encouraged to report on their families and fellow students. Parents	Auto biography	What do you see happening in this true account that would not happen in Canada? Compare life in a democracy with life under communism.

learn to keep their opinions to themselves. The secret police, with tidy suits and pig faces, intrude into every drawing, watching and listening. In the Prague Spring of 1968, Soviet tanks roll in. Sís rebels when possible, and in the book's final spreads, depicts himself in a bicycle, born aloft by wings, flying toward America and freedom, as the Berlin Wall crumbles below. Caldecott Honor, 2008.		What contributions has Peter Sis made? Compare to Refugee Child .	
Yezerki, Thomas F. Together in Pinecone Patch . 1998, 0374376476. A girl from Ireland and a boy from Poland overcome the prejudices held by the residents of the small town to which they have emigrated. O/P	Picture Book	What was the cause of the prejudices and different perspectives that the boy and the girl felt? How did they overcome the prejudice?	
Jam, Teddy. The Stoneboat . 1999, 0-88899-368-4. This is a powerful story of farm life set in the early twenties, a time when brute strength and will could rule a community. Two young boys rescue a neighbour from drowning but receive no thanks. When one of the brothers finds out that their father owes this neighbor money and that they're in danger of losing their farm, the boy tries to find a way out. O/P	Picture Book	Describe the hardships of settling in the Canadian wilderness. Describe the prejudices that people endured.	
5.3 Canada: Shaping an Identity			
Bowers, Vivien. That's Very Canadian! An Exceptionally Interesting Report About All Things Canadian, By Rachel , 2004, 1897066058. WOW Canada! Series. Includes all kinds of information on Canada and being Canadian. Brings in lots of history and geography.	Non-fiction	List the top ten things that help shape Canada's identity.	5.3.1 appreciate how changes impact citizenship and identity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognize how economic and political changes impact ways of life of citizens • recognize the effects of Confederation on citizenship and identity from multiple perspectives • recognize the historical significance of French and English as Canada's official languages
Hughes, Susan. Let's Call It Canada: Amazing Stories of Canadian Place Names , 2003, 1-894379-49-7. WOW Canada! Series. Extensive index. Explores hundreds of fascinating place names and the stories that go with them.	Non-fiction	Retell a few stories about Canadian place names. Find a book on Alberta place names in the library. Find an interesting story about an Alberta place name in A is Alberta: A Centennial Alphabet .	
Bowers, Vivien. Only In Canada: From The	Non-	List the top ten things that	

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<p>Colossal To The Kooky, 2002, 1894379381. WOW Canada! Series. Fun facts and cool information about Canada. Topics include geography, geology, natural history, a human habitation timeline and economics all stated with a wacky moose mascot tour guide. Strong student appeal that generates national awareness. Table of contents, index, maps, diagrams and photographic data mixed with collage and cartoon sidebars.</p>	<p>fiction</p>	<p>have helped to shape Canada's identity.</p>	
<p>MacLeod, Elizabeth. Kids Book of Great Canadians. 2004, 1553373669. Read about the Fathers of Confederation, the first Canadian woman in space, the Famous Five who fought for women's rights during the early 1900s, Louis Riel, Terry Fox, Wayne Gretzky and many, many more great Canadians.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Choose a famous Canadian from this and/or any other sources and prepare a short biography of that person. Emphasize that person's contributions to Canadian history and growth.</p>	
<p>Aspen-Baxter, Linda. Canada. (2004, 1553880188) Briefly covers how Canada got its name; the parts of the coat of arms; history of the flag; animal symbols of Canada; the national tree; provincial minerals and gemstones; features of the national mace; national parks; and historic sites. Each chapter is presented on a two-page spread with good quality captioned photographs and fact boxes. Includes a glossary and index.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Use for research.</p>	
<p>Bellefontaine, Kim. ABC of Canada, 2002, 1553376854. From Arctic to zamboni, follow the alphabet on a tour across Canada. Even the youngest traveler will enjoy the trip.</p>	<p>Alphabet Book</p>	<p>Read for enjoyment. Identify characteristics of Canada.</p>	
<p>Andrews, Jan. Auction. 1990, 9780888998422. Grandfather has to sell the farm and there is to be an auction. Here is a prairie story about dealing with change.</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	<p>What changes are in store for the family? Why is it hard to sell the farm?</p>	
<p>Olson, Kay Melchisedech. Canada. 2004, 073682166X. (Many Cultures, One World). Part of a series that examines cultures in many lands. Includes legends, city and country life, seasons, family, laws, rules and customs, pets, and sights to see in Canada. The large text is simple, photographs big and bright.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Use for research.</p>	

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Includes maps, table of contents glossary, useful addresses, Internet sites, and an index.			
Hancock, Pat. Kids Book of Prime Ministers . 1998, 1550744739. Focuses on Canada’s government and 20 prime ministers since 1867. With quick facts, quotes, trivia and an historical timeline, kids will find it easy and interesting to learn about each prime minister’s term in office and distinctive mark on Canadian history.	Non-fiction	Use for research, looking up quick information on any prime minister.	5.3.2 critically assess the changes that occurred in Canada immediately following Confederation by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did John A. Macdonald and Georges Étienne Cartier contribute as partners of Confederation? • How did the circumstances surrounding Confederation eventually lead to French and English becoming Canada’s two official languages? • How did the building of Canada’s national railway affect the development of Canada? • Why were Aboriginal peoples excluded from the negotiations surrounding Confederation?
Trottier, Maxine. Canadian Greats , 2003, 0779114035. Five fascinating biographies of some of the greatest Canadians who ever lived. Includes the record-breaking sports career of Wayne Gretzky, the wartime daring of Billy Bishop and the historic heroism of Laura Secord.	Biography	Use in a biography project.	
Baldwin, Douglas. Confederation and the West . 2003, 1553880145. With table of contents, index, glossary, appealing format, lots of detailed illustrations, sidebars, and topical presentations on each page, this provides very usable material.	Non-fiction	What important changes occurred in Canada as a result of Confederation? How did Confederation affect western Canada?	
Hodge, Deborah. The Kids Book of Canada’s Railway . 2000, 1550745263. This is the story of Canada’s first transcontinental railway and the thousands of people who made the dream of a united Canada a reality.	Non-fiction	Research and report writing. Make a time line of Canada’s railway history. How did the building of Canada’s railway affect the development of Canada?	
Lawson, Julie. A Ribbon of Shining Steel: The Railway Diary of Kate Cameron (Dear Canada series). 2002, 0439988489. Mr. Hagan has a map on his wall so he can keep track of the railway progress. There is a lot of tracking to keep, with gangs working in different sections all through the Fraser canyon – blasting tunnels, laying track, building bridges and so on.	Novel	Novel study or read aloud. Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.	
Baldwin, Douglas. Nation’s First Steps , 2003, 1553880153. With table of contents, index, glossary, appealing format, lots of detailed illustrations, sidebars, and topical presentations on each page, this provides very usable material.	Non-fiction	Use for research and reference.	5.3.3 critically assess how the Famous Five brought about change in Canada by exploring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who were the Famous Five? • How did they identify the need for change in Canadian

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<p>Millar, Nancy. The Famous Five: Five Canadian Women and their Fight to Become Persons, 2003. The famous five included are: Emily Murphy, Nellie McClung, Henrietta Muir Edwards, Irene Parlbly, and Louise McKinney. Includes photographs, cartoons, timelines as well as a bibliography and an index.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Write a paragraph answering the following questions: Who were the Famous Five? How did they identify the need to change Canadian law? How did the changes brought on by their actions affect individual rights in Canada?</p>	<p>laws?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did the changes brought on by their actions affect individual rights in Canada?
<p>MacLeod, Elizabeth. Kids Book of Great Canadian Women, 1553378202</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p>	<p>Use for research.</p>	
<p>Hunter, Bernice Thurman. That Scatterbrain Booky. 1981, 0590710826. This is a semi-autobiographical tale of life in Depression-era Toronto. May be out of print, but it likely is in your school in novel study numbers. O/P</p>	<p>Novel</p>	<p>Novel study.</p>	<p>5.3.4 critically assess how economic booms and crashes affected ways of life in Canada by exploring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did World War I contribute to the industrialization and urbanization of Canada? • In what ways did the Great Depression of the 1930s affect ways of life in urban and rural communities? • How did the economic boom immediately following WWII affect ways of life in Canada?
<p>Granfield, Linda. Where Poppies Grow, 2001, 0773733191. Granfield, Linda. With photos and excerpts from messages and letters, this picture book gives a personal overview of the Great War. It is a companion to In Flanders Fields.</p>	<p>Non fiction Picture Book</p>	<p>Use for Remembrance Day.</p>	
<p>Granfield, Linda. In Flanders Fields: The Story of the Poem by John McCrae. 1995, 1895555655. Details about the World War I, about life in the trenches, and about John McCrae himself are woven into the illustrated text of “In Flanders Fields.”</p>	<p>Non fiction Picture Book</p>	<p>Use for Remembrance Day.</p>	
<p>Booth, David. The Dust Bowl, 1996, 1550742957. With the return of a period of drought to the prairies a grandfather recalls, for his grandson, the experiences of the family fifty years earlier during the time of the “Big Dry.” A compelling look back at the terrible challenges Canadian families faced during the Depression--as well as a warm remembrance of a caring, close-knit family.</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	<p>How did the Great Depression affect ways of life in this rural community?</p>	
<p>Yealland, Jane. Canada’s Maple Leaf: the Story of Our Flag, 1999, 1550745166. When Joan O’Malley answered her phone late one Friday afternoon in 1964, little did she realize that she was about to become part of Canada’s history. She would sew</p>	<p>Non fiction</p>	<p>How did the adoption of the Canadian flag affect collective identity within Canada?</p>	<p>5.3.5 critically assess how historical events shaped collective identity in the Canadian context by exploring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How was the Statute of Westminster a recognition of

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Canada's first flag. She had to keep her story secret for many years.			<p>Canada as a nation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has Lester B. Pearson's initiative within the United Nations contributed to Canada's identity as a peacekeeping nation? • How did the adoption of the Canadian flag affect collective identity within Canada? • How is the patriation of the Constitution in 1982 a step toward nationhood? • How is the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms a symbol of Canada as a nation? • What factors led to the creation of Nunavut?
Trottier, Maxine. Our Canadian Flag , 2004, 043997402X. Two levels of text: the first simply tells about when and where we see the flag, the second tells the history of our flag.	Non fiction	How did the adoption of the Canadian flag affect collective identity within Canada?	
Lutz, Norma Jean. Canada in the 21st Century: Nunavut . 2000, 079106073X. (Let's Discover Canada)	Non fiction	Use for research. What factors led to the creation of Nunavut?	
Steele, Philip. City Through Time: Story of A City - From Ancient Colony to Vast Metropolis . 2004, 0756606411. A marvelous resource for the Time, Continuity and Change Strand , which runs through all the grades. Large format, highly-detailed full-page drawings, all labeled, to show change in a city from Ancient Greek Colony to modern city. Use at any Div. II or III level.	Non-fiction	Document some of the changes over time.	

Using Children’s Literature in Teaching Elementary Social Studies

Advantages:

- Widespread availability
- Easily integrated into thematic curricula
- Generally more up to date
- More focused and provide an in-depth look at social studies concepts
- More interesting and less confusing for students than textbooks
- Story lines help students remember concepts better
- Contain colourful pictures and graphics
- Present a more human side of social studies than do textbooks
- Evoke both efferent (factual) and aesthetic response (emotional)
- Support Inquiry and Research Processes

What Do We Look For In Non-Fiction?

Using children’s literature in teaching social studies is in accord with a constructivist view that holds that learners actively construct their own meaning when new information is linked to prior knowledge (Duschl, 1990).

Criteria:

- Large, clear, high quality colour illustrations, including both photos and drawings
- Drawings include graphs, diagrams, tables and other structures that plot information and show relationships
- Illustrations match and support the text
- Captions support the material
- Index
- Table of Contents
- Glossary
- Authority and currency evident in sources used in content development (e.g., sources and authorities listed)
- Text appropriate as to size, font type, placement, amount per page
- Headings and sub-headings used frequently throughout the text
- Content suitable for age of student
- Content appropriate for the intended unit of study
- Content organized in “chunks” of related material
- Print broken up by illustrations, boxes, sidebars, etc., so as to avoid long, intimidating sections of text.
- Appealing format

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- Canadian or Albertan content where appropriate