

Literature to Support Grade 7 Social Studies Curriculum Part 2

Selected Bibliography

NB: Older titles that you may find in your library have been included, and a great many 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 where possible. Brackets indicate series. Out-of-print (O/P) titles are often included, since they may be in the library even if they are not available to purchase. Books constantly go in and out of print, so it's well worth ordering any title that is shown as O/P. Some O/P titles are not indicated as such.

Title	Book Type	Suggested Activities	Curriculum Outcome
7.2 Following Confederation: Canadian Expansions			
Students will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of how political, demographic, economic and social changes that have occurred since Confederation have presented challenges and opportunities for individuals and communities.			
Holt, Faye Reineberg. Sharing The Good Times			7.2.1 recognize the positive and negative aspects of immigration and migration
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 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 classic that no young person should miss.	Novel	Read aloud. Novel study.	
Johnston, Julie. Susanna's Quill . 2004, 0887767060. To the Moodies, Canada was the answer to their prayers. They would have the life they could no longer afford in Britain and they could raise their children to become wealthy landowners in their own right. Reality, however, proves a difficult teacher. This is the story of Susanna Moodie, a writer who gave us one of the first accounts of life in the Canadian backwoods. Raised in genteel Victorian England, Susanna came to Canada with her husband to pursue his dream, leaving behind her dream of becoming an author. Life was difficult and often dangerous and there were few rewards. Eventually Susanna would take her letters home and use them as a basis for a book entitled "Roughing it in the Bush".	Novel	Recount some of the positive and negative aspects of immigration to Canada.	

A wonderful account of life in early Canada and the hardships that the early pioneers endured to open up this country			
Staunton, Ted. Dreadful Truth: Confederation , 2004, 0887806309. Humorous look at Confederation by focusing on the not-so complimentary aspects of the characters and events. Could be used as a way to make Confederation a little more interesting.	Non-fiction		7.2.2 recognize the positive and negative consequences of political decisions
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. What are some of the positive and negative consequences of the political decision to send Aboriginal students to Residential Schools?	
Sterling, Shirley. My Name is Seepeetza . 1992, 0888991657. Based on her own experiences, the author’s account of life at an Indian residential school is an account of one of the most blatant expressions of racism in the history of Canada.	Novel	What are some of the positive and negative consequences of the political decision to send Aboriginal students to Residential Schools?	
Quan, Holly. Native Chiefs and Famous Metis: Leadership and Bravery in the Canadian West , 2004, 1551539659. The inspiring and amazing men in this book have left their mark on Native culture and on the history of the west. These stories take place during times of rapid change, and are stories of bravery, courage, adventure, human endurance, and struggles for equality and land claims. They are also stories of sorrow, sadness, defeat and even death.	Biography	Use for research Use as short stories to introduce various chapters in Canadian history.	7.2.3 appreciate the challenges that individuals and communities face when confronted with rapid change
Hudson, Jan. Sweetgrass . 1984, 0698117638. Living on the western Canadian prairies in the 19th century, Sweetgrass, a Blackfoot Indian girl, saves her family from a smallpox epidemic and proves her maturity to her father.	Novel	Novel study.	
Marsden, John. 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	Picture Book	Describe some of the challenges that communities face when confronted with rapid change.	

chilling story of invasion, environmental destruction and cultural subjugation in simple terms.			
Brown, Chester. Louis Riel: A Comic-Strip Biography , 1-896597-63-7. A biography of Louis Riel told in comic strip format. Includes notes and a bibliography. Great for readers who may be reluctant to tackle a more detailed format.	Graphic novel		<p>7.2.4 critically assess the role, contributions and influence of the Red River Métis on the development of western Canada by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What factors led to Louis Riel's emergence as the leader of the Métis? • What similarities and differences existed between the causes of the Red River Resistance in 1869 and the second Métis uprising in 1885? • How did the government of Canada's response to the Red River Resistance and the second Métis uprising solidify Canada's control of the West? • To what extent were the Red River Resistance and the second Métis uprising a means to counter assimilation? • What are the Métis, First Nations, French and British perspectives on the events that led to the establishment of Manitoba? • How was the creation of Manitoba an attempt at achieving compromise between the Métis, First Nations, French and British peoples? • To what extent were the <i>Manitoba School Act</i> and evolving educational legislation in the Northwest Territories attempts at imposing a British identity in western Canada?
Scanlan, W. J. Rebellion , 1989, 1-55005-118-0. Just before the foolhardy confrontation between the government forces and Dumont's men at Duck Lake in the Riel Rebellion of 1885, Jack misinterprets a public action by his father and comes to believe he is a coward.	Novel	Read aloud	
Bayle, B. J. Battle Cry At Batoche . 2000, 0-88878-414-7. Ben and his sister Charity are 15-year-old twins caught in the middle of the political turmoil of the Saskatchewan River Valley in 1885. Ben is caught between his own conflicting loyalties. The story gives a very real account of events, showing much of the issues and allegiances.	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 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. How many characteristics can you list from the pictures and the text? Characterize the man who rescued James. Who was he?	
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 Metis Nation, and a tale of contemporary Métis children voicing their own protest.	Novel	Read aloud. Novel study.	
Guest, Jacqueline. Belle of Batoche . 2004, 1551432978. Belle, an 11-year-old Métis girl, is	Novel	Read aloud Novel study	

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.			
Hudak, Heather. Métis in Canada . 2005, 1553880994. Colourful historical images and good text both provide a glimpse of Métis culture in Canada.	Non fiction	What are some of the role, contributions of the Red River Métis on the development of western Canada?	
Klerks, Cat. The Incredible Adventures of Louis Riel, Canada's Most Famous Revolutionary . 2004, 1551539551. This is the fascinating story of Louis Riel, a rebel and a powerful orator who emerged as a leader of the Métis people in the Red River settlement. A powerful and interesting biography!	Biography	Use for research	
Valgardson, W. D. Sarah and the People of Sand River . 1996, 0888992556. A story of a little girl who is saved by the spirits of a native family. Sarah's grandparents had comforted and nursed a Native family who were victims of smallpox. The dying promise of the sick woman was to always be a friend of Sarah's family.	Novel	Read for enjoyment.	
Nelson, Sheila. From the Atlantic to the Pacific: Canadian Expansion, 1867-1909 . 2006, 1422200051. (How Canada became Canada) Includes Red River, Métis rights, treaties, the NWMP, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island joining Confederation, the railway, the North-West Rebellion, Klondike Gold Rush.	Non-fiction	Use for research.	
Gordon, Irene Ternier. Battle of Seven Oaks . 2005, 1554390257. For many Métis, the Battle of Seven Oaks is the moment when their people first stood up for their rights against England and the Hudson's Bay Company. This story details the struggle between the North West Company and the Hudson's Bay Company, out of which the Red River settlement (and later, Winnipeg) was born.			
Dear Canada Series: A Ribbon of Shining Steel: The Railway Diary of	Novel	Read for enjoyment.	7.2.5 evaluate the impact of Confederation and subsequent immigration on Canada from 1867 to World War I by

Kate Cameron			exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues:
Brown, Jacqueline A. Sir John A. Macdonald: The Rascal who Built Canada. 2005, 097364060X. Both popular and hated, Sir John A. Macdonald didn't care. He had a country to found and then a railway to build.	Biography Non-fiction	Use for research and reference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What factors led to the purchase of Rupert's Land in 1869? • How did the National Policy determine the economic and demographic aspects of Canadian expansion? • How did changing demographics resulting from Clifford Sifton's immigration policies affect the collective identity of Francophones in communities across western Canada? • How did Asian immigrants contribute to the development of Canada (i.e., Chinese railway workers)? • In what ways did the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway affect the growth of Canada? • What was the role of the North-West Mounted Police in the development of western Canada? • What strategies were used by the government to encourage immigration from Europe? • What strategies were used by religious communities and missionaries to encourage migration and immigration to western Canada from Eastern Canada and the United States? • What impact did immigration have on Aboriginal peoples and communities in Canada? • How did communities, services and businesses established by Francophones contribute to the overall development of western Canada (i.e., health, education, churches, commerce, politics, journalism, agriculture)? • How did immigrants from Eastern Europe contribute to the development of western Canada? (i.e., health, education, churches, commerce, politics, journalism, agriculture)?
Dear Canada Series <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Prairie as Wide as the Sea: The Immigrant Diary of Amy Weatherall • Orphan at My Door: The Home Child Diary of Victoria Cope, Guelph, Ontario, 1897. 2001, 04399883490 • Matas, Carol. Footsteps in the Snow: The Red River Diary of Isobel Scott, Rupert's Land, 1815. 2002, 0439988357 • A Trail of Broken Dreams: The Gold Rush Diary of Harriet Palmer 	Novel	Read for enjoyment. Identify culture and values. Identify characteristics of pioneer life. What contributions to the development of Canada was made by pioneers such as these?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent was agricultural activity a key factor in the population growth of western Canada? • What factors led to British Columbia joining Confederation? • What factors led to Prince Edward Island joining Confederation? • How were the needs of varied populations considered through the creation of Alberta and Saskatchewan?
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	Characterize the immigrant experience.	
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.	
Maki, Wilma. Weaving A Country: Stories From Canadian Immigrants , 2003, 1895766176. An excellent collection of Canadian immigrant stories accompanied with some relevant historical notes.	Non-fiction	Teacher reference. Read individual immigrant stories aloud.	
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	How did immigrants from Eastern Europe (Ukraine) contribute to development in Canada?	

Excellent picture of conditions that can occur in a non-democratic country			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the underlying reasons for the negotiation of the numbered treaties?
Wallace, Ian. Boy of the Deeps . 2005, 0888996608. A story of the miners and the hardships and danger of their lives in Cape Breton. O/P	Picture Book	Use to help identify characteristics of life in Nova Scotia around 1900.	
Vazquez, Diana. Hannah . 1999, 1550501496. This story follows a family in Nova Scotia in 1858. It shows the struggles the family has after the father passes away. The family is uneducated and the only work available is that in the coal mines, a place for men only. The determined middle child decides to disguise herself as a man and get work in the mines in order to feed, clothe and shelter her desperate family. The book shows the plight of women during this period of time, as well as what life in a mining town was like.	Novel	Use to help identify characteristics of life in Nova Scotia around 1850.	
Walsh, Ann. By the Skin of his Teeth . 2004, 0-88878-448-1. Ted befriends a young Chinese boy despite the intense prejudice seething in the frontier town. He witnesses the murder of a Chinese man by a white man and is forced to choose sides. Ted suffers intimidation and violence, but with courage and conviction the young man stands up for what he believes and defends his Chinese friend.	Novel	How did Asian immigrants contribute to the development of Canada?	
Yee, Paul. Ghost Train . 1996, 0888992572. Oil paintings illustrate a ghost story that captures the story of the profound contributions and suffering of the Chinese labourers who built the Canadian railroads.	Picture Book	How did Asian immigrants contribute to the development of Canada?	
Yee, Paul. Tales from Gold Mountain . 1989, 0888990987. A collection of eight stories which reflect the gritty optimism of the Chinese who overcame prejudice to build a place for themselves in North America.	Picture Book, Short stories	How did Asian immigrants contribute to the development of Canada?	
Yee, Paul. Jade Necklace . 1990, 1896580076. South China, around 1900, is where Yenyee and her family live. One night, her fisherman father vanishes in a storm at sea. Yenyee feels betrayed by the ocean, a friend she has trusted all her life, and betrayed by her family who then send her across the Pacific Ocean to	Picture Book	How did Asian immigrants contribute to the development of Canada?	

the New World to be a servant. In this story, two worlds-China and North America-come together.		
Spray, Carole. The Mare’s Egg , 1980, 0920656072. 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. O/P	Picture Book	Read for enjoyment. Identify culture and values. Identify characteristics of pioneer life. What contributions to the development of Canada were made by pioneers such as these?
Warwaruk, Larry. Andrei and the Snow Walker . 2002, 1550502131. In search of a better life, twelve-year-old Andrei and his family move from Ukraine to a Canadian homestead near Batoche, Saskatchewan, in the spring of 1900. Their lives intermingle inextricably with those of a Metis boy named Gabriel and the mysterious Indian Snow Walker.	Novel	How did immigrants from Eastern Europe contribute to the development of western Canada?
Neering, Rosemayr. Opening the West . 2006, 9780176336561. (Canada, A People’s History) Excellent coverage and quality research. Very well illustrated, excellent format.	Non-fiction	Use for research. Research on explorers. Biography project.
Morck, Irene. Five Pennies; A Prairie Boy’s Story . 1999, 194004329. These short stories bring to life the experiences of a boy growing up in the early west. Filled with details about pioneer life, each story gives insight into the difficulties, challenges, and joys faced by families building a new home on a rugged, new land. Read aloud a new short story each day – some are very short.	Short stories	Read for enjoyment. Identify characteristics of pioneer life.
Aksomitis, Linda. Adeline’s dream (From Many Peoples). 2005, 978-1550503234. In 1910, when Linna, 12, moves from Germany with her mother and brother to Canada where her father has been working, she fears that she will be forced to give up her dream of becoming an opera singer. In her new home, she lives in a sod house and struggles to learn the language and finds it difficult to be accepted by the people who live in the more established part of the town. There are excellent descriptions of the problems faced by European immigrants in their quest	Novel	Read for enjoyment. Identify culture and values. Identify characteristics of pioneer life.

for a better life in Canada.		
Banting, Erinn. RCMP . 2005, 1553880633. (Early Canadian Life). This book is filled with archival material and interesting fact boxes, including a short overview of the history of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and its role in the history of Western Canada. Good integration of visual and written text.	Non-fiction	What was the role of the North-West Mounted Police in the development of western Canada?
Andra-Warner, Elle. Mounties: Tales of Adventure and Danger from the Early Days . 2006, 9781554397051. Canada established the Mounties in 1873 to bring law and order to the wild west. Their adventures and escapades are an important part of Canada's history.	Non-fiction	What was the role of the North-West Mounted Police in the development of western Canada?
Leblanc, Andre. Safe and Sound: Arriving in the New World . 2005, 1-897118-04-X. Archival photographs depict the landing of immigrants to Canada in the early 20th century. Captioned with text that explains of who these people were. A visually compelling record of many who came to Canada.	Non-fiction	Characterize the immigration experience.
Lawson, Julie. White Jade Tiger . 1993, 978-1550026535. When her father takes a job in Beijing, Jasmine goes, reluctantly, to live with her aunt in Victoria. During a class field trip to Chinatown, she finds herself slipping back to a much-earlier time in the city when Chinese immigrants were arriving to work on the western line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. A time-warp adventure that urges us to look at a colourful--and at times shameful--chapter in Canadian history	Novel	How did Asian immigrants contribute to the development of Canada?
Langston, Laura. Lesia's Dream . 2003, 0006392830. Early in 1914, Lesia and her older brother Ivan persuade their parents to leave their home in Ukraine and emigrate to Canada. They settle on 160 acres of Manitoba scrub woodland, which they work hard to make into arable farmland. During the First World War, Lesia's father and Ivan are interned as enemy aliens.	Novel	How did immigrants from Eastern Europe contribute to the development of western Canada?
Baldwin, Douglas. Confederation and the West . 2003, 1553880145. With table of contents, index, glossary, appealing format, lots of detailed	Non-fiction	What important changes occurred in Canada as a result of Confederation?

illustrations, sidebars, and topical presentations on each page, this provides very usable material.		How did Confederation affect western Canada?
Ballah, Judy, et al, editors. Immigrant Experiences: Exploring Fiction, Poetry, and Non Fiction , 1995, 0774713984. This intriguing volume explores the experiences of immigrants coming to Canada and the ways in which Canadians have welcomed these immigrants.	Fiction, Poetry, Non fiction	Read individual immigrant stories aloud. Characterize the immigrant experience.
Reynolds, Marilynn. 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. O/P	Picture Book	How did immigrants from Eastern Europe contribute to the development of western Canada? (e.g. agriculture)
Explosion in Halifax Harbour: The Illustrated Account of a Disaster . 2004, 0887806325. Full of photos from the explosion and weeks to follow, as well as contemporary photos. Very authoritative and well researched. Lots of personal stories – extremely interesting.	Non-fiction	Provides much insight into life and times in Canada 100 years ago.
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 including a young writer, Jack London. Another one of Will Hobb's great adventures for kids.	Novel	What effect did the Klondike Gold Rush have on western Canada?
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.	Non fiction	Read for enjoyment. Characterize the time period.
Hughes, Susan. Coming to Canada: Building a Life in a New Land . 2005, 1897066465. A Wow Canada! Book. The stories of people and events in Canada's immigration history, including the first Aboriginals, the filles du Roi, the Loyalists, and many more.	Non-fiction	Build a timeline showing the immigrant waves into Canada.

Excellent format and lots of illustrations.		
Welykochy, Dawn. C is for Chinook: An Alberta Alphabet. 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	Alphabet book	Use as a model for a class research and writing project
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.	Picture Book	List and explain things the Inupiaq people knew that helped them survive in the arctic. What was unique about their way of life? What are some other examples of Aboriginal know-how helping Europeans to survive?
Haworth-Attard, Barbara. Irish Chain. 2002, 0-00-639215-6. Rose has enough troubles, what with having so much difficulty learning to read, without having to worry about the war with Germany. But when two ships explode in the Halifax harbour, her life changes forever. A well-written portrait of a young girl, a detailed look at the lifestyle of the early 20th Century, and a dramatic drawing of the great Halifax fire	Novel	Provides much insight into life and times in Canada 100 years ago. How were things changing in Canada at this time?
Weitzman, David. John Bull: A British Locomotive Comes to America. Describes how the John Bull, a steam locomotive, was built in England, brought to the United States in 1831, assembled, put to work, and modified over time, leading the way for modern rail transportation and the economic effects of efficient transportation.	Non-fiction	What impact do you think did the coming of this locomotive to America have on Canada?
Berton, Oierre. Canada Moves West: An Omnibus. 2005, 1894856740. Here is a collection of 5 very short books that tell some of the stories of the opening of western Canada. Read “Steel Across the Plains” aloud – students will be fascinated with the horrendous difficulties in building the railroad and the	Non fiction	In what ways did the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway affect the growth of Canada?

immediate effect it had on the prairies.			
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. What strategies were used by the government to encourage immigration from Europe? Characterize the times in western Canada. Research the British “home children.”	
Haworth-Attard, Barbara. Home Child . 1996, 0006393128. This is a story about one of the thousands of children who were sent from England to Canada to work on farms or in businesses.	Novel	Characterize the times in western Canada. Research the British “home children.”	
Granfield, Linda. Where Poppies Grow , 2001, 0773733191	Non-fiction	Use to help understand the continuing impact of the two World Wars.	7.2.6 critically assess the impacts of social and political changes on individual and collective identities in Canada since 1918 by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues:
Brothers Far From Home: The World War I Diary of Eliza Bates (Dear Canada)	Novel	Novel study.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the reasons for and consequences of Newfoundland joining Confederation? • How did joining Confederation impact the citizens of Newfoundland? • What are the social and economic effects of the changing roles and images of women in Canadian society (i.e., right to vote, working conditions, changing family structures)? • What challenges and opportunities have emerged as a result of increases in the Aboriginal population in western Canada? • How has the <i>Official Languages Act</i> contributed to bilingualism in Canada? • How have Canadian immigration policies contributed to increased diversity and multiculturalism within the Canadian population?
Reed, Kevin. Aboriginal Peoples Building for the Future . 1999, 019541289X. Covers traditional to modern, includes biographies, excellent format, good photos and drawings.	Non fiction	What challenges and opportunities face the Aboriginal population in western Canada?	
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? Why was the custom of the potlatch forbidden by the government? Discuss the actions of the federal government.	
Weaver, Janice. Quilt of Belonging . 2006, 978-1897066492. From Albania to Zimbabwe, every nation of the world is represented in Canada's Quilt of Belonging. Each block symbolizes one country and	Picture Book	What is the Quilt of Belonging? Where is it? Why was it created?	

<p>was created by someone originally from that place. This unique and highly visual book highlights dozens of individual blocks and tells the fascinating stories of the groups they represent. Each block showcases beautiful craftwork: some are embroidered, some knitted; others are embellished with beads, butterfly wings, porcupine quills, and many other materials. Go to the Web site for information and activities.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What strategies and conditions are needed for the Franco-Albertan community to counter assimilation?
<p>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</p>	Picture Book	<p>Find out about people from other countries that were imprisoned in Canada during the wars. What was Anna's contribution to the development of Canada?</p>	
<p>Trottier, Maxine. Mr. Hiroshi's Garden. 2006, 978-1550051520. Set on the West Coast during the 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>	Picture Book	<p>Use for developing understanding different perspectives in Canadian history.</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>	Novel	<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: The Ukrainian Internment Diary of Anya Soloniuk, Spirit Lake, Quebec, 1914. (Dear</p>	Novel	<p>How have Canadian immigration policies contributed to increased</p>	

<p>Canada). 2007, 9780439956925. This 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. There are photos salvaged from the camps.</p>		<p>diversity and multiculturalism within the Canadian population? Find out about people from other countries that were imprisoned in Canada during the wars. Was it right of the Canadian government to imprison people like this during World War I and II?</p>	
<p>Kogawa, Joy. Naomi's Road. 1986, 0195405471. During World War II, Japanese-Canadians Naomi Nakane and her older brother Stephen are sent with their family to an internment camp in the B.C. interior, and then to a farm in Alberta. Despite the ugly face of prejudice and the hardships of the internment, Naomi looks at the future with eyes of hope and understanding</p>	<p>Novel</p>	<p>How have Canadian immigration policies contributed to increased diversity and multiculturalism within the Canadian population?</p>	
<p>Tan, Shaun. Arrival, The. 2007, 978-0439895293. In a heartbreaking parting, a man gives his wife and daughter a last kiss and boards a steamship to cross the ocean. He's embarking on the most painful yet important journey of his life - he's leaving home to build a better future for his family. This story is completely told in hundreds of drawings – no words. A wordless graphic novel! An amazing book!</p>	<p>Wordless graphic novel</p>	<p>Characterize the immigrant experiences.</p>	
<p>Wells, Don. Canadian Identity. 2005, 1553880706. (Canadian Government). This titles examines Canada's people and regions. Subtitles include Canada's Aboriginal Peoples, the Europeans, loyalists, the Great Migration, second wave immigrants, and cultural clusters. Also included are bilingualism, multiculturalism policy, Canadian cultural protection and Canadian inventions as well as Canada's image in the world. There is also a useful map of Canada's immigration.</p>	<p>Non fiction</p>	<p>Trace the history of immigration in Canada. Make a timeline.</p>	
<p>Kalman, Bobbie. Refugee Child. 2006, 9780778727606. Well-known author of children's non-fiction recounts the true story of her Hungarian</p>	<p>Auto biography</p>	<p>What do you see happening in this true account that would not happen in</p>	

childhood escape during the Revolution of 1956.		Canada? What contributions has Bobbie Kalman made to Canada?	
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.	
Wells, Don. Canadian Identity . (Canadian Government). 2004, 1553880706. Shows how the Canadian identity is rooted in the historical immigrations to Canada.	Non fiction	How have Canadian immigration policies contributed to increased diversity and multiculturalism within the Canadian population?	
Fine-Meyer, Rose. Immigrant Experience (Canadian Heritage Collection). 2004, 9780921156802. Interviews, accounts, photos, tables, cartoons, posters – a very rich resource for understanding the immigrant experience and Canada’s policies.	Non fiction	How have Canadian immigration policies contributed to increased diversity and multiculturalism within the Canadian population?	
Major, Kevin. Eh? To Zed, an ABeCedarium , 2000, 0889952728. Using the traditional format of an ABC book, this ABeCedarium 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.	Alphabet Book	Use as a model for a class research and writing project	7.2.7 critically assess the impact of urbanization and technology on individual and collective identities in Canada by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What impact has increased urbanization had on rural communities in Canada? • How did the emergence of large factories in Canada contribute to the development of Canada’s economy? • In what ways did technological advances contribute to the development of Canada (e.g., aviation, farming equipment, radio transmissions, electronics, multimedia)? • What effects have Société Radio-Canada and the CBC had on Canadian identity?
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 research and writing project	
Weitzman, David. Model T: How Henry Ford Built a Legend , 2002. Gr. 0-375-81107-9. Here’s great	Non-fiction	What impact did Henry Ford have on the economic	

appeal for boys with period-style illustrations and features of the development of the assembly line method of production. Show construction of the Model T and pictures of other early vehicles. O/P		development of Canada and the USA?
Tingley, Ken. A is Alberta: A Centennial Alphabet , 2005, 0-9733500-2-4. A look at the place names in Alberta gives a glimpse of the many forces that have shaped Alberta. Names reflect the heritage of the First Nations people, the fur traders, the explorers, the railways, the settlers from all over, and world events.	Alphabet Book	Use as a model for a class research and writing project, where each student is assigned to produce a page for a class book on one Canadian place.
Hegedus, Allannah & Rainey, Kaitlin. Bleeps and Blips To Rocket Ships: Great Inventions In Communications . 2001, 0887764525. Our fast-paced world of fax machines, digital cameras, and cell phones is possible because of the work of 10 Canadian inventors who paved the way for modern communications.	Non-fiction	In what ways did technological advances contribute to the development of Canada?
Freeman, Bill. Trouble at Lachine Mill . 1983, 978-0888626721. During the Depression of the 1870's, two children from Ottawa find work in a Montreal shirt factory which is troubled by poor working conditions, a ruthless formen, and striking workers.	Novel	Characterize the times.
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.
Gaetz, Doyle Campbell. Living Freight . 1998, 1-896184-32-4. In late 19th century England, to escape internment in a workhouse, Emma flees into the country. The family she finds shelter with arranges to have her shipped to the colony of British Columbia aboard the first "brideship", the Tynemouth. In the colony, after many adventures, she connects with the father she thought was dead. A well-researched story.	Novel	Characterize the times.
Wells, Rosemary. House in the Mail . 2002, 0670035459. Emily tells the fascinating story of her	Picture book	Compare the house in the mail with today's homes.

family's mail-order house arriving from Sears, Roebuck. Moving out of the little house they share with their grandparents, the family has a lot of changes in store for them: an electric refrigerator, electric lights, a washing machine, a gas stove, and running water indoors. Story valid in Canada as Eaton's catalogue offered houses from 1908 to 1932, many of which are in Alberta. Easy reading.		What technologies made the house in the mail so exciting? What technologies have transformed our lives since 1927?
Koldofsky, Eleanor. Clip-Clop . 2005, 0887766811. This nostalgic story harkens back to the days of horse-drawn wagons and carriages.	Picture book	How dramatic are the changes from the days of horse-drawn conveyances to today?
Andrews, Jan. Auction . 2007 reprint, 978-0888998422. A bittersweet goodbye to a family farm. After Gran's death, Todd is staying with Gramps the night before the auction to sell his possessions since he can no longer keep the farm.	Picture Book	What are some of the reasons people sold their farms in the mid 20 th Century? To where did they likely move?
Ahluwalia, Raj. We interrupt this program: the news broadcasts that kept us tuned in . 2002, 1553663004. This book features 42 important events from September 10, 1939 when "Canada Declares War on Germany" to February 24, 2002 when there was "Olympic Gold in Hockey". Other events featured are "The October Crisis", "Terry Fox is Forced to End His Run...", and "Berlin Wall Crumbles". Each event is accompanied by black and white and colour photos and accessible text. Two accompanying compact discs include broadcasts from these events. Includes table of contents and index.	Non fiction and CD-ROM	Use for research. Listen to broadcasts for enjoyment. In what ways did technological advances contribute to the development of Canada?
Doyle, Brian. Mary Ann Alice . 2001, 0-88899-454-0. The town of Martindale is being threatened by a project to dam the river. Many believe that the entire town will be flooded, and certainly much of the land along the river will be swallowed up. Some of the residents have made plans to move while others are in denial. All of this is seen through the eyes of Mary Ann Alice who must try to make sense of the changes taking place around her.	Novel	In what ways did technological advances contribute to the development of Canada?
Murray, Gil. Nothing on But The Radio: A Look Back at Radio In Canada and How it Changed	Non fiction	In what ways did technological advances

<p>The World. 2003, 1550024795. Radio made its debut in the early twentieth century, and the world was never the same. The mysterious magic box brought people together as no other communication medium had ever done.</p>		<p>contribute to the development of Canada?</p>	
<p>Baldwin, Douglas. Canada in the Global Age.. 2004, 155388017X. (Canadian History). Overview of issues in Canada in the 2nd half of the 20th Century: political change; cultural issues; Western alienation; immigration and multiculturalism; First Nations issues; Canada's relationships with the United States and European nations; the Cold War; peacekeeping; foreign policy since 1945; industry and technology; the Canadian economy and free trade; and globalization. There are many very good illustrations, Internet resources, glossary, and an index.</p>	<p>Non fiction</p>	<p>Use for research.</p>	

Using Literature in Teaching 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)
- Can be very funny
- Support Deliberative Inquiry and Research

What Do We Look For In Non-Fiction?

Using 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 (maturity level)
- 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

- Canadian or Alberta content where appropriate