

Happy New Year! There are some new resources for teaching Canada listed below as well as some regional workshop news. Please let me know if you have any resource news to share next month. Until then, as always, you have my best wishes! Tina

- **ISUMA INUIT CULTURE KIT** – Brand New! An important resource for schools/districts based on the award-winning films of Zacharias Kunuk and Igloolik Isuma Productions, including *Atanarjuat the Fast Runner*. Visit <http://isuma.ca/kit> for information to order.

This rich multimedia collection includes 22 films, selected readings, Inuit music, a film screenplay and a Teacher's Resource Guide with active learning suggestions for curricula in Diversity Education, Social Studies, Art, Music, Canadian History, Language Arts, Peace Studies and Native Studies. The authentic, see-for-yourself Inuit style of this collection makes it suitable for English-speaking secondary students and above, or an enriched junior high school curriculum. All films are written, produced, directed and acted by Inuit of Nunavut, in the internationally-acclaimed team of Zacharias Kunuk and Igloolik Isuma Productions. The *Inuit Studies Reader* includes Inuit oral histories, early missionary and explorer journals, poetry and songs from 1822-present. Their websites atanarjuat.com and isuma.ca add an online multimedia component to the collection giving students and teachers a portal to related material and direct interactive links to Isuma's artists and filmmakers themselves.

Kit Includes: Isuma Classics Video Collection boxed set of 21 programs on 8 VHS tapes (see the [detailed program descriptions](#)); The film *Atanarjuat The Fast Runner*, *Atanarjuat The Fast Runner* companion book; *Atanarjuat The Fast Runner* soundtrack on CD; Inuit Studies Reader, approx 256 pages (5 copies); Teachers' Resource Guide (1 copy). *Special Introductory Price - 40% discount!* Now only \$395 per kit (\$650 value). Applicable taxes and shipping/handling not included.

- **A SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCE FOR K-8 TEACHERS - Exploring the Whole through Social Studies** Saturday, January 31, 2004 at Seattle University (registration begins at 8:00 am - Loyola Hall) *** Free clock hours available! Cost: \$50.00 includes lunch and WSCSS membership (coffee and snacks provided); \$20 for current students and first-year teachers
Registration and payment must be postmarked by January 21, 2004 - Walk-in registration cost is \$55.00 and lunch is not included. Email registration and questions to David Kramer at wscssregistration@yahoo.com

(Keynote Speaker: Tarry Lindquist) *Explore ways to integrate your curriculum through the social studies. Connect Washington students to their world. Develop techniques for using social studies to teach essential skills and EALRs. Support pre-service and new teachers in their pursuit of excellence.*

- **CBC NEWS: CONTINENTAL DIVIDE** – Visit <http://www.cbc.ca/canadaus> for an in-depth look at the past and possible future of the love-hate Canada-US relationship. Stories, audio and video reports, editorial cartoons and other items that involve Canada-US issues can be explored and shared with middle and high school students.
- **CAN TEACH (ELEMENTARY RESOURCES)** - <http://www.canteach.ca/index.html> invites teachers to explore their elementary resources including lesson plans and songs & poems. Click up top to join one of the discussion lists, or look down below for some of the thousands of links they've categorized.
- **LITERATURE THROUGH THE ARTS (Royal Conservatory of Music)** – Visit <http://www.ltta.ca> and, when you click on “Lesson Plans” near the top of the page, a variety of lesson plans relating to the ten provinces of Canada are revealed (available in both English and French).

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