

**Welcome Back to School!** I hope this month's resource notice is useful in your efforts to add curriculum about Canada in your classrooms. There are a lot of recommended resources available for free online and for purchase below. As well, please note the exciting changes to next year's **STUDY CANADA Summer Institute!** It will be held entirely in Vancouver and Whistler rather than on WWU's campus and will focus on environmental sustainability in the context of urban development, transportation and tourism in a flourishing region. We very much appreciate the Government of Canada's continued support of our outreach by providing a special grant to our Center for next year's program. Thanks, too, to Ruth Writer for continuing to contribute reviews of adult fiction that deal with Canada to this e-newsletter.

Of course, our thoughts also go out to the many teachers and students--without homes, classrooms and schools at all--in the regions devastated by Hurricane Katrina. I know that many of you will be active in fundraising efforts at your schools on the victims' behalf. Best wishes to all and a speedy recovery to the flooded areas. Tina Storer

- **STUDY CANADA SUMMER INSTITUTE: The 2006 British Columbia Experience: From the 5 Themes of Geography to the 2010 Olympics** - Registration is *already open* for teachers to earn either 40 clock hours or 3 university undergraduate quarter credits for this unique K-12 educator program beginning on June 24 in Vancouver B.C. (staying 2 nights at the Delta Suites Hotel) and traveling by chartered bus to Whistler on June 26 (staying 3 nights at the Crystal Lodge) and returning by bus to Vancouver/Vancouver International Airport on June 30, 2006. Workshop sessions will be held at Simon Fraser University's Harbour Centre Campus in Vancouver and on-site at the hotel in Whistler. Contact [tina.storer@wwu.edu](mailto:tina.storer@wwu.edu) as early as possible regarding your interest in the program.
  - Learn core information about British Columbia and Canada and the Olympic tradition
  - Environmental sustainability and cultural issues that challenge the region are featured
  - Hands-on curriculum training and resource materials about environmental and global issues via ½-day workshops by the *Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD)* and *Facing the Future*
  - Experience Canada's culture, history, and environment through activities such as a *Tree Trek Ecotour* and a visit to the *First Nations Cultural Centre*.
  - Preview the 2010 Winter Olympic Games through site tours and presentations
  - Guest speakers include faculty from Western Washington University, University of Washington, UBC, SFU and VANOC, as well as city government officials and tribal leaders
  - Multiple resources for the classroom are provided throughout the week
  - Cost (including tuition, housing and breakfasts) is only \$500 (WA teachers); \$530 (out of state teachers). A special grant from the Government of Canada subsidizes much of the cost for participants.
  - Hotel rooms have two double/queen beds and are shared by two participants of the same gender. It is possible to bring a companion (\$500 for room shared with one participant, transportation and breakfasts) or for participants to request a private room (\$400 supplement based on 50% of room cost). Entry fees to special events not included for companions.
  - Travel scholarships are available (apply early for best support options)

Visit <http://www.wwu.edu/depts/castudies/k12studycanada/scsi.shtml> for registration information. Brochures will be available soon.

- **ABOUT @Canada: A Teacher's Guide** - @Canada is an educational tool designed to be downloaded in PDF version to serve as a guideline for American teachers interested in developing students' analytical skills in comparative culture. It is divided into four sections: History, Culture, Government and International Roles, each containing relevant documents that can be useful for further studies and classes. All of the information used for this project has been found on the Internet. Most of the pages are official Canadian government websites, while some are Canadian university pages and encyclopedias. At the end of every document, there is a link to its original website where you can continue your research of related topics. The Guide includes: I) Table of Contents; II) History Section; III) Culture Section; IV) Government Section (including a guide to the House of Commons); V) International Canadian Section; VI) O Canada VII) Maps of Canada (including physical relief and a 835K political evolution PowerPoint presentation). Visit <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/can-am/washington/studies/teacherguide-en.asp>.
- **THE CANADIAN ATLAS ONLINE** - The Canadian Atlas Online, proudly presented by the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, brings cartography to life with exciting graphics and animation. This state-of-the-art interactive atlas allows you to explore Canada in a way you've never experienced before, and helps the Society "to make Canada better known." Visit the site at <http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/atlas/>.

- **NEW! CSC BOOKSTORE ONLINE** - [pdstore.com](http://pdstore.com) is a not-for-profit online bookstore for teachers, students and parents! It is part of **Curriculum Services Canada (CSC)** and is the only online bookstore to provide teacher-reviewed materials that meet the highest standards for classroom use. The **CSC** is an independent, not-for-profit, educational standards agency, and is the parent organization of three affiliates: Ontario Curriculum Centre (OCC), The Curriculum Foundation (TCF), and [pdstore.com](http://pdstore.com). The "pd" in [pdstore.com](http://pdstore.com) stands for "professional development" and I can think of no better recommendation for using the publications listed than knowing the titles are used by Canadian teachers themselves.

Visit <http://www.pdstore.com> or call Toll Free **1-800-837-3048**. You can also send your requests and comments to [lpatchett@curriculum.org](mailto:lpatchett@curriculum.org). (Lila Patchett, **pdstore.com**, 439 University Avenue, 18th Floor, Toronto, ON CANADA M5G 1Y8 1-800-837-3048 Ext. 27 or 416-591-1576 Ext. 27)

- **EDUCATION - CANADA WEBSITE** - This site, designed for teachers in Germany who intend to integrate Canada into their teaching syllabus, can be an interesting resource for anyone interested in introducing Canada in their classroom. For more information, go to <http://www.education-canada.de/>. **Contact:** Albert Rau, [albert.rau@uni-bonn.de](mailto:albert.rau@uni-bonn.de).

- **THE CANADIAN EXPERIENCE Collector's Edition 1 - DVD or VHS** - *The Canadian Experience*, a new series of documentaries that chronicle the great characters and events that shaped Canada, is a great & affordable collection of videos to have in your school! Made by the core creative and technical talent from the award-winning series *Canada: A People's History*, the set can be purchased online at [http://www.cbcshop.ca/CBC/shopping/product.aspx?Product\\_ID=ETDOC00082&Variant\\_ID=258054&lang=en-CA](http://www.cbcshop.ca/CBC/shopping/product.aspx?Product_ID=ETDOC00082&Variant_ID=258054&lang=en-CA). Edition 1 includes the following four titles:

- ***Freedom's Land: Canada and the Underground Railroad*** - This is the story of how Canada and the Underground Railroad became the focal point of the anti-slavery movement in the tumultuous decade leading up to the American Civil War. 52 minutes - Color
- ***Talking Canadian, eh*** - Few of us are aware that the language we speak – the words we use and the way we say them – has less to do with conscious choice than it has to do with Canada's past.
- ***City of Ruins*** - The Halifax Harbour explosion was the greatest known man-made explosion until the advent of the atomic bomb in 1945. And yet, outside of Nova Scotia, the story of the Halifax Explosion is barely known.
- ***The Queen and the Skipper: The Story of Bluenose*** - Eighty years ago when men went to sea in wooden ships, she was the Queen of the North Atlantic.

- **THE CANADIAN EXPERIENCE Collector's Edition 2 - DVD or VHS** - This is the second series of four documentaries that define who Canadians are as a people and a country.

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- ***Sisters in the Wilderness*** - The story of pioneer writers Susanna Moodie and Catherine Parr Traill is one of ambition, passion, staggering hardship and remarkable success. It is the ultimate "Survivor" story.
- ***Year of the Hunter: The Story of Nanook*** - The story of Robert Flaherty and the dramatic tale behind the making of the first non-fiction film.
- ***Expo 67: Back to the Future*** - Some parties change people's lives. Expo 67 changed this country. It was Canada's 100th birthday and everything seemed possible.
- ***The 13th Mission*** - One Lancaster bomber, the women who built it, and the men who flew it—this is the story of a fateful mission over France one week after D-Day in June 1944.

- **RUTH WRITER'S REVIEW OF ADULT FICTION** - ***Three Hills Home*** by Alfred Silver. (Halifax: Nimbus Publishing, 2001). [ISBN 1-55109-401-0]

On September 5, 1755, the world of the Acadians living in the Canadian Maritimes was turned upside down. The men of small French Acadian communities such as Piziquid and Grand Pre were ordered to assemble at the same time, on the same day at various locations along the Bay of Fundy. At that time, they learned of the plan of mass deportation of the Acadians. Their wives and children would join them prior to boarding the ships, which would take them to their new homes. Without written orders from the British government, approximately half of the Acadians reluctantly dispersed among the British colonies to the South. Others escaped into the wilderness areas of eastern Canada. This story is of one of the most tragic of all the forced migrations of history, the Acadian Expulsion of two and a half centuries ago.

*Three Hills Home* is the fictional story of one of these families, that of Eulalie La Tour's. Eulalie was living with another family after her parents died. Her adoptive family soon lost their mother and she became the mother figure to six children. She was living on a small farm, an Acadian world dominated by British soldiers in the summer of 1755. Andre Melanson, a local suitor, was a frequent visitor that summer. Readers of *Three Hills Home* learn of the history, culture and lives of the Acadians living in the idyllic area of the *Bassin des Mines* [Minas Basin]. There were minor conflicts but no one expected such upheavals in the months to come. Indeed, an itinerant tinker arrived at the farmstead that summer. Rather than a traveler selling his services, Cully was recording families for the British military. Upon his departure, he broke his leg and regained his health in the small farm home. Cully's path would intersect with that of Eulalie's and Andre's in the years to come.

Unlike Longfellow's *Evangeline*, Eulalie and her family did not board the first ships in the harbor during *The Grand Derangement*. They fled to the interior forests and made their way north and west from Nova Scotia to the area of Miramichi and Petitcodia in New Brunswick, joined by deserter Cully. Andre's family was not so lucky. Placed on ships, they sent to the far corners of the Atlantic. Readers become aware of the conditions for those who were part of the Acadian Expulsion.

The stories of the Expulsion usually focus on those families first expelled. Silver's focus is on those who stayed. He writes much about their ability to survive the harsh conditions that first winter without basic supplies. Many of those who fled to the forests along the rivers of eastern New Brunswick did not survive. Silver writes of the guerilla warfare and the battles around Fort Beausejour. Later fate would force the survivors of that wilderness experience such as Eulalie and Cully to join others in the area of New Orleans. Again, conditions were less than ideal. Eventually Eulalie and others returned to their homelands after the Europeans ended their battles.

*Three Hills Home* is the story of survival and triumph. It is a love story spanning a continent. It is a novel explaining the Acadian Expulsion, which occurred two and a half centuries ago. I highly recommend this novel written by one who lives in the region and knows of the legends and stories of *The Grand Derangement*. Read it as part of the anniversary of this Diaspora.

**Should you no longer wish to receive this email, simply reply with "Please remove my name from the Canada Listserv". These resource notices and the K-12 Resource Flyer are also available on the [K-12 STUDY CANADA website](#) under K-12 News. K-12 STUDY CANADA represents shared outreach by WWU's Center for Canadian-American Studies & UW's Canadian Studies Center which jointly form the Pacific Northwest National Resource Center for Canada, funded by a US Department of Education Title VI grant. Additional support is granted by the Government of Canada.**

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