

Welcome back to the classroom! This e-notice is distributed by listserv once a month to teachers interested in resources for teaching about Canada. If you are new to this listserv (or not), please know that you can contact me anytime regarding specific classroom needs and that back issues of this resource notice can be found online under “K-12 News” on our website at <http://k12studycanada.wvu.edu>.

Next month, K-12 STUDY CANADA is hoping to unveil a new look and URL address. Get ready to change your bookmark (although anyone who visits our “old” website will be automatically re-directed to the new site). We hope you will like the new features. Many thanks to Matt Tronvig for his perseverance and creativity. The new site will provide visitors with resources in an easily navigable format and will allow those of us who manage it greater ease when updating the information.

Until then, remember to visit our loan-kit schedules at www.wvu.edu/depts/castudies/k12studycanada/teacher_resources.shtml#loan if you'd like to use either the resource valise or student novel collection this year. To “book” either one, simply send me an email request with pertinent details (your school mailing address and preferred loan period. We also have a new photo gallery posted at <http://www.wvu.edu/depts/castudies/k12studycanada/scsi.shtml> that features photos taken during the annual *STUDY CANADA Summer Institute for K-12 Educators*. It was a wonderful learning experience for all who participated and I hope that 25 more of you will join us in B.C. in 2007!

Best wishes to all. I hope the school year has begun wonderfully for you. Tina Storer

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1. EMBASSY TOUR AT NCSS 2007 - If you're planning to attend the National Council for Social Studies' annual conference, arrive a day early and buy a ticket for the Embassy Tour available to the first 30 conference participants who sign up. The 4-hour tour on Thursday, November 30 (9 am - 1 pm) will include briefings on international relations at the Embassy of Canada, the Embassy of South Africa and the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina. What an excellent opportunity for social studies teachers!

To obtain a ticket for this and other ticketed events and clinics, use the "Tickets" form on Page 12 of the *NCSS Preview* (available for downloading at <http://www.socialstudies.org/conference/>). The cost is \$35 and includes transportation to/from the Conference Center. See you on the bus!

2. GREAT CLASSROOM IDEAS USING STATISTICS CANADA – I'm always impressed by the resources Statistics Canada offers educators. Read on...

- So your students know a lot about Canada, eh? This quiz helps them navigate StatCan's "Summary Tables" to find surprising facts. Plus, students love answering the Canada quiz questions at <http://www.statcan.ca/english/edu/canquiz/cquiz1.htm>.
- Students can research any community in Canada to find data on selected census characteristics such as age groups, unemployment rates, levels of education, family types and much more. "Community profiles" at <http://www12.statcan.ca/english/profil01/CP01/Index.cfm?Lang=E> is a fabulous resource for social studies, from primary through high school!
- If you want to better understand what Canadians are doing to the land, air and water, check out the publications and associated lesson plans on "Human Activity & the Environment" at <http://www.statcan.ca/english/kits/human.htm>. This is a great resource when teaching about environmental issues.
- Census of Canada resources at <http://www.statcan.ca/english/kits/census.htm> include summary texts, animations, thematic maps and lots of other information from the census that helps define Canada's population.
- If you teach math, history, geography, health or any one of 13 other school subjects listed at <http://www.statcan.ca/english/kits/teach.htm>, the "Resources by School Subject" section is where you'll zero in on what's most appropriate for your activities.
- There are even more ideas on the Teachers Page at <http://www.statcan.ca/english/edu/teachers.htm>. In particular, don't miss these key links located in the orange blocks on the right side of the page such as "Projects by Students" <http://www.statcan.ca/english/edu/case.htm> to get ideas from what others have done!

3. NEW NHD WORKBOOKS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS - National History Day encourages students to explore history—and that exploration can include a focus on Canadian history as well. K-12 STUDY CANADA co-sponsors a Canada Award for NHD competitors in our state each year and we're pleased to share news that NHD has created 2 new workbook series that help social studies teachers meet the new CBA's in Washington. For more information about our awards, visit <http://www.wvu.edu/depts/castudies/k12studycanada/historyday.shtml>.

- *Making History* is a set of 5 workbooks developed by teachers to help engage students in the study of the past and support the creation of National History Day projects. You can view the series at http://www.nhd.org/cart/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=14.
- *Triumph and Tragedy in History*, developed with ABC-CLIO, is a set of 3 resource books that equip teachers with all of the materials they need to challenge students to think critically and to create engaging classroom experiences. View the series at http://www.nhd.org/cart/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=19. These resource books cover topics of free speech, immigration, and nation-building.

4. FIRST NATIONS FILMS – These award-winning broadcast TV programs are some of the best in North America and are available to the public on important subjects from Spirituality to Land Claims to Traditional Music to Politics. The films are suitable for all ages—from 12 to 112. View on-line clips of these 24- or 44-minute programs at www.firstnationsfilms.com.

5. CANADIAN RECIPE OF THE MONTH – To sweeten your appetites this month—quite literally—I have included a recipe for Maple Syrup Chicken Breasts. (Thanks to Elise Chalmers, my intern and recent McGill graduate, who shared this French-Canadian recipe with me.)

Ingredients:

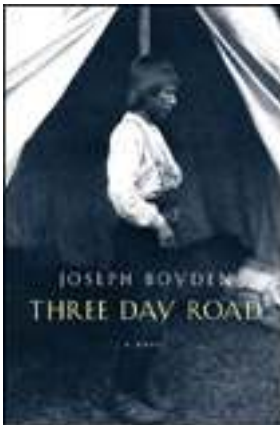
4 bone-in chicken breasts	1/4 cup unbleached flour	salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 Tablespoons unsalted butter	1/2 cup maple syrup	1 teaspoon dried savory
1 teaspoon dried thyme	1 teaspoon dried sage	1 onion, peeled and thinly sliced
1/2 cup chicken stock		

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350F (175C).
2. Mix some salt and pepper into the flour and pour the flour into a plastic bag.
3. Place the chicken in the flour, one or two breasts at a time, and shake to coat.
4. Melt the butter in a Dutch oven on the stove with med-high heat.
5. When bubbling, add chicken breasts and brown both sides.
6. Pour the maple syrup over the breasts, sprinkle the herbs and arrange onion slices on the top;
7. Pour the chicken broth over the breasts and place the oven.
8. Bake (basting the chicken with the pan juices) for about 50 minutes.

Serve hot with pan juices drizzled on top alongside your favorite side dishes.

6. RUTH WRITER'S REVIEW OF ADULT FICTION - Joseph Boyden. *Three Day Road* Toronto: Penquin Canada, 2005. ISBN—0-14-301786-1



Although this is Boyden's first novel, it will likely become a must-read in Canadian fiction for quite some time. It is a novel about the horrors of a war that started nearly a century ago—World War I. Short-listed for the prestigious Governor General's Literary Award, *Three Day Road* is a brutally truthful look at the impact of war on the young men who fight for their country's cause.

Boyden intertwines three distinct phases in his powerful story of the Great portrayal of life of indigenous Canadians in transition just before the war I. Readers learn of the Cree residential school experience and of those live history. The second phase is a graphic, honest depiction of the rigors of t horrors experienced by thousands of young men regardless of their natio decide to go across the ocean to fight in this great conflict.

The final part of the novel is the story of one of these young Natives who, though wounded and in a drugged stupor, returns to his roots

There are several other excellent books with a Canadian perspective of the events of World War I. Jack Hodgins's *Broken Ground* [ISBN: 0771041837] published by Emblem Editions in 1999 is another. This novel is a look at a "soldier's settlement" on Vancouver Island with many flashbacks to the events of the war. Like *Three Day Road*, readers learn about the brutal experiences of trench warfare. I highly recommend *both* novels about conflict and a love of their native land.