



*Hello!* - I hope you're all enjoying a wonderful spring as we head into the final months of the school year. I have listed 10 resource items to share with you for teaching Canada--everything from workshops to classroom visits to free materials to the opportunity to become an author of a middle school online textbook about US history (#6 below). See, I don't always provide a one-sided perspective of the Can-Am relationship! Indeed, I'm particularly excited about several aspects of Canadian Studies outreach these days:

- 1) the resurgence of interest in teaching Canada across the USA and the efforts of the National Council for Social Studies to feature Canada at its national conferences;
- 2) the increased Consulate of Canada and Delegation of Québec offices' outreach to K-12 educators in their regions;
- 3) an expanding alliance with the Seattle-based Canada-America Society (see item #2 below), the World Affairs Council and K-12 educators in the Pacific Northwest;
- 4) the growth of resource materials being published online and in hardcopy about Canada;
- 5) the hot-off-the-presses Spring 2007 edition of the *K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Flyer* featuring the 2010 Winter and Paralympic Games' Four Host First Nations;
- 6) the upcoming regional and national workshops that Nadine and I are or the Eastern NRC for Canada are involved with (see #1 below).

Here's to sunny days ahead, both literally and figuratively! Tina Storer

Reply with "Please remove my name from the Canada Listserv" should you no longer wish to receive notices. Resource notices are available on our site under *K-12 News*. **K-12 STUDY CANADA represents shared outreach by WWU's Center for Canadian-American Studies & UW's Canadian Studies Center that jointly form the Pacific Northwest National Resource Center for Canada, funded by the US Department of Education (Title VI). The Government of Canada provides additional outreach support.**

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**1) UPCOMING WORKSHOPS TO NOTE** - Please visit the K-12 STUDY CANADA calendar online at [www.k12studycanada.org/calendar.shtml](http://www.k12studycanada.org/calendar.shtml) for more details.

**April 24** **Grade 4 Canada Roundtable** (Seefurth Education Center, Waltham, MA)

[www.umaine.edu/canam/teachingcanada.htm#professionaldevelopment](http://www.umaine.edu/canam/teachingcanada.htm#professionaldevelopment)

**May 19** **Québec Workshop - Enseigner le français: La société québécoise comme outil didactique** (University of Washington)

**June 24-29** **STUDY CANADA Summer Institute: Experience BC from the 5 Themes of Geography to the 2010 Olympics** (WWU - Vancouver & Whistler)

**NB: The April 15 deadline is almost here & space is still available. Contact me asap to register or request travel assistance.**

**June 27-29** **Annual Summer Seminar for Educators by UW Jackson School's Outreach Centers: Teaching World Religions** (University of Washington)

**TBA** **Québec Summer Seminar** (SUNY Plattsburgh)

<http://www.plattsburgh.edu/offices/academic/cesca/quebecsummer.php>

**2) CANADA-AMERICA SOCIETY (CAS)** - Established nearly 30 years ago, the Canada-America Society in Seattle serves as a social platform for Canadian expatriates and Americans to strengthen economic and cultural ties between Canada and the United States. CAS bonds Canadians and Americans with common business, educational and cultural interests through

special events and social opportunities, including annual Canada Day-July 4th, New Year's Eve and Canadian Thanksgiving Gala celebrations. Individual (\$40), student (\$25), senior (\$25) and corporate (\$250) memberships are available. Visit [www.canada-americasociety.org/2007CASMembershipForm.doc](http://www.canada-americasociety.org/2007CASMembershipForm.doc) to download the application form and [www.canada-americasociety.org/Events/2006%20Brochure%20Inside.pdf](http://www.canada-americasociety.org/Events/2006%20Brochure%20Inside.pdf) for additional information on member benefits.

**3) CLASSROOM PRESENTATION PROGRAMS** - There are two K-12 STUDY CANADA Teacher Associates who, now that they are retired, offer classroom presentations across New York and Colorado to make Canada come alive for 3rd-8th grade students. Both have taught extensively about Canada during their own teaching careers and have attended our annual *STUDY CANADA Summer Institute*. Although both perform Canadian Studies outreach in a number of ways, this service reaches students directly. Both are captivating speakers and I encourage those of you in Colorado and New York to take advantage of this opportunity for your classrooms. You can request a copy of a handout regarding their services from me or contact them directly for further details:

**Les Buell** (Rochester, NY area) - [lesjaneb@aol.com](mailto:lesjaneb@aol.com) or 315-589-9776 (home)

**Michael Cawthra** (Denver, CO area) - [michaelcawthra3855@msn.com](mailto:michaelcawthra3855@msn.com) or 720-480-4479 (cell).

**4) HEART OF THE STORY** - Children's literature enthusiasts will be as pleased as I was to discover [www.heartofthestory.ca](http://www.heartofthestory.ca) (Thanks, Betsy Arntzen!) Marilynne Black, an educational consultant and frequent presenter of workshops in the Pacific Northwest, offers great links to Canadian Internet and magazine resources for children. The website also features a different area of interest regarding Canadian children's literature each month such as the evolution of Canadian children's literature. The month of April will focus on Canadian content in picture books impacted by current publishing challenges. Later discussions will feature Canadian historical picture books and, periodically, special themes and guest writers will address Canadian children's literature. I hope to include her as one of the presenters at next year's **STUDY CANADA Summer Institute** and look forward to meeting her in person at the Vancouver Children's Literature Roundtable in May.

**5) FREE US HISTORY MATERIALS** - Tom Ladenburg, a retired teacher and published author, is eager to share the results of his 47-year teaching career. Although his material does not include connections to Canada, his offer to share free resources is still news worth sharing. He invites teachers to contact him for a list of the lesson-chapters covering important social/political periods in US History. Issues range from social class stratification in Colonial America to a comparison of the Boston Massacre and Kent State shootings. All 68 lesson-chapters are free and available in PDF format. If you are not completely satisfied with your US History text and supplementary materials, Tom says that these materials will enliven and inform your classes. [t.ladenburg@verizon.net](mailto:t.ladenburg@verizon.net) / 781-646-4577

**6) ATTENTION HISTORY TEACHERS & SOCIAL STUDIES SUPERVISORS** - If Canada is an important part of your region's curriculum, or *if you want it to be*, please know that Northern Blue Publishing is offering new pricing for libraries and educational institutions for the three innovative online portals below. These portals are available by trusted IP access to schools, libraries, boards and districts. Licensees of all three portals will also get free access to **Canada Channel** and **Canadawiki Library Edition**. It's a terrific resource I've seen grow tremendously over the past few years. The publishers are happy to offer two-week trial access and to offer consortium pricing to interested groups in the USA. Visit [www.northernblue.ca/products/index.php/Northern\\_Blue\\_Consortium\\_Pricing](http://www.northernblue.ca/products/index.php/Northern_Blue_Consortium_Pricing) (look under FAQs). **Canada's First People and CFP Junior** [https://web.cms.wvu.edu/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.northernblue.ca/products/index.php/Canada%2527s\\_First\\_People\\_%2528CFP%2529\\_and\\_CFP\\_Junior](https://web.cms.wvu.edu/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.northernblue.ca/products/index.php/Canada%2527s_First_People_%2528CFP%2529_and_CFP_Junior)  
**History of Canada Online** [https://web.cms.wvu.edu/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.northernblue.ca/products/index.php/The\\_History\\_of\\_Canada\\_Online\\_%2528HCO%2529](https://web.cms.wvu.edu/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.northernblue.ca/products/index.php/The_History_of_Canada_Online_%2528HCO%2529)

### **Civics Canada Online**

[https://web.cms.wvu.edu/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.northernblue.ca/products/index.php/Civics\\_Canada\\_Online\\_%2528CCO%2529\\_%2528with\\_The\\_Civics\\_Channel%2529](https://web.cms.wvu.edu/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.northernblue.ca/products/index.php/Civics_Canada_Online_%2528CCO%2529_%2528with_The_Civics_Channel%2529)

**P.S.** Northern Blue Publishing is currently **looking for co-authors of a US History online text** for the middle school market. If interested in becoming part of this project, please contact Alastair Sweeny at 613-725-1956 or [asweeny@northernblue.ca](mailto:asweeny@northernblue.ca).

**7) IREX INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS FOR US TEACHERS** - The U.S. Department of State and IREX (the International Research & Exchanges Board) has announced a competition for secondary-level teachers of English as a Foreign Language and Social Sciences from the United States to participate in a two-week professional exchange program in one of the following countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Georgia, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, or Ukraine. Visit <http://qa1.org/ct/X12N-G617QfD/> to learn more.

**8) GLOBAL HOTSPOTS RESOURCES AVAILABLE ONLINE** - Access PowerPoint presentations and resources used during current and past *Global Hotspots* professional development workshops for educators. 2005-2007 materials are available at: <http://oia.osu.edu/hotspots/>.

**9) CANADIAN RECIPE OF THE MONTH – Sweet and Sour Pork** [from *The Canadian Cookbook: History, Folklore and Recipes with a Twist* (Edmonton, AB: Lone Pine Publishing, 2006)]

*Chinese immigrants began to settle in the British Columbia in good numbers beginning with the Fraser River Gold Rush of 1858. In early to mid-1880s, 17,000 Chinese men came to Canada to build the western section of the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR). They worked in dangerous conditions for half the pay received by Caucasians, and more than 700 died on the job. After the last spike was driven, these hard-working immigrants were left unemployed and received no assistance from the Canadian government. Using their strong cultural ties to food, many of these men opened restaurants, often along the route of the CPR. The Chinese consider their style of cooking to be a set of methods, not of actual ingredients; so many traditional foods were reinvented using whatever ingredients were available. Immigrants from China have continued to come to Canada, often in the face of great hardship. Today, approximately 18% of the current populations in the Greater Vancouver area are of Chinese ethnicity, and highly regarded Chinese restaurants are found across the country.*

#### **Ingredients:**

2 tbsp cornstarch  
1 lb boneless pork loin rib, bite-sized pieces  
2 egg yolks  
1 tbsp soy sauce  
2 tsp sea-salt, separated  
2/3 cup rice wine vinegar  
¼ cup white wine  
1/3 cup sugar  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
2 tbsp grated fresh ginger  
½ small pineapple, peeled, cored, quartered, and sliced  
1 small tomato, diced  
½ cup julienned red bell pepper  
1 tsp cinnamon  
Vegetable oil for frying  
¼ cup each cornstarch & flour, sifted together into a bowl

#### **Directions:**

In a bowl, add 2 Tbsp cornstarch to 1 Tbsp cold water and mix well. Add pork, egg yolks, soy sauce and 1 tsp salt. Toss well, and refrigerate overnight.

Place vinegar, wine, sugar, and remaining salt into a pan and bring to a boil. Add garlic and ginger; reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Add pineapple, tomato, bell pepper and cinnamon and simmer an additional 10 minutes or until tomato becomes incorporated into sauce. Remove from heat and set aside.

Heat oil to 350 degree F to fry pork. Toss marinated pork in flour and cornstarch mixture and fry in hot oil until cooked, about 5 minutes. Drain well on kitchen towel. Heat sauce through, adding snow peas just before serving. Spoon sauce over pork and serve with rice or noodles.

1 cup snow peas

*Tip: Try this dish with other meats, such as chicken or beef; it also works well with tofu. The sauce can be made up to 3 days ahead and stored in the fridge.*

**10) RUTH WRITER'S REVIEW OF ADULT FICTION** - In place of her regular review, Ruth shared information on the finalists and winning novels of **Canada Reads**. Visit <http://www.cbc.ca/canadareads/books.html> for more details about the finalists. The following is an enticing description of the provocative winning selection: **Lullabies for Little Criminals** by Heather O'Neill and published by Harper Collins in 2006. (332 pages - ISBN-10: 0060875070)

The narrator of Heather O'Neill's evocative novel is a 12-year-old named Baby, who is hovering between childhood and the temptations of the adult world. Her father, Jules, takes better care of his heroin habit than he does of her, and Baby learns not to depend on him. Though they live in poverty, she collects and covets the small crumbs of happiness she finds as she navigates the streets of Montreal's red-light district.

On the outside, Baby is whipsmart, wickedly funny and has a genius for survival; on the inside, she's as needy and as fragile as any girl entering puberty. She experiences highs and lows during stints in foster care and in a juvenile detention centre, all the while craving an injection of love and stability in her life. Baby grows to depend on the charismatic predator Alphonse, a local pimp who is riveted by her blossoming beauty. At the same time, she nurtures a tender and naively passionate friendship with Xavier, a classmate who is clueless about his girlfriend's double life.

*Lullabies for Little Criminals* is a powerful debut novel, the coming-of-age story of a young woman who learns to adapt to heartbreaking circumstances, and about the young man who became her parent too early.

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