

**K-12**

**STUDY CANADA**

**RESOURCE VALISE**



**Teacher's Guide**

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## K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Valise: General Description

This teacher loan-kit is intended to supply teachers with a wealth of supplementary materials for the teaching of Canada in their classrooms. It is hoped that teachers will be introduced to new resources and will order some for permanent school use rather than re-use the loan-kit each year. It is expected that some core information on Canada's history and geography is already part of the classroom curriculum. The resource materials packaged in nine units of study will enrich what is currently being taught and help make Canada "come alive" for students.

The *K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Valise*, developed at Western Washington University's Center for Canadian-American Studies, was inspired by a National Consortium for Teaching Canada (NCTC) project called *The Canada Valise* that was created by Les Buell and included lessons based on his many years of experience teaching Canada to 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade social studies students in New York. No lesson plans are included in the *K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Valise*. Teachers can visit <http://k12studycanada.wwu.edu> for lesson and unit plans. Instead, a focus is placed on providing materials that make teaching and learning about Canada a cultural and interactive exploration. With expanded classroom resources and interactive media, the *K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Valise* is more comprehensive in scope. Materials are packaged into nine units (each is outlined in the List of Contents,) and contain an "artifact", several published classroom resources, a list of educational Internet sites, and a variety of interactive media such as CD-ROMs, music CDs and videotapes.

Like *The Canada Valise*, the *K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Valise* hopes to inspire teachers to create similarly formatted units of their own. Information for ordering many of the items contained in this valise are outlined on pages 12 - 13. I'd be pleased to hear from teachers regarding the usefulness of this loan-kit as well as suggestions for improvement. Completing the evaluation form available online or in the valise is much appreciated.

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Pacific Edge Publishing  
Postcard Factory  
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In particular, Chris Sherwood of *Pacific Edge Publishing*  
and Mark Elliott of *BestSellers Direct*  
gracefully responded to many requests  
and generously provided books, books, and more books!

Please see the section on "Ordering Resources" if you would like to purchase  
the same items for your classroom or school.

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**Artifacts**

Items have been collected from across Canada to represent or compliment each of the units offered within the *K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Valise*. Some of the items are included within the unit folder while others, such as the model trains, are found in the divided section of the suitcase. All artifacts are intended to act as motivators and visual aids for student learning. Some of the included items are a totem pole, laminated photos, posters, inuksuk stones, and a model of Toronto's CN Tower. Teachers can even wear a Montreal Canadiens hockey jersey while teaching Québec or reading Roch Carrier's "The Sweater". The collection of artifacts, as outlined in the List of Contents, is sizeable and difficult to replace. More fragile items, like the birchbark canoe that was once included, have been permanently removed. As these artifacts can be very appealing to students, teachers are asked to take special care to not leave them out on display or allow students to take them home.

**Teacher Resources**

Since most teachers have a core text or curriculum materials that they already use as their foundation for teaching Canada, resources were selected that could provide new or more culturally-rich information. The first unit, *O Canada!*, is the largest and provides some supplementary materials for a general study of Canada which teachers may not have access to. The Center's textbook *Canada: Northern Neighbor (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)* is included for teachers who do not have a core text. The eight other units, as outlined in the List of Contents, consider topics that focus on Canadian regions and cultures with special attention to art and music. All of the teacher resource books can be found in the subject-related unit folders.

**Multimedia Resources**

A variety of interactive media intended to stimulate student appreciation for Canada and its culture are found in the divided section of the *K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Valise*. A terrific selection of eleven CD-ROMs (that complement many of the units of study), eight music CDs (that bring the musical traditions of Canada's regions to life), and nine videos that provide excellent visual extensions of unit materials are included in the valise. The List of Contents suggests some appropriate choices for each unit but you and your students are encouraged to explore all the multimedia resource included in the loan-kit. Information related to the software can be located in the Teacher's Guide binder.

Please note: Interactive media items, in particular, are costly to replace so, as teachers are responsible for any missing items, please be sure that all resources arrive intact and are properly returned to their location before forwarding the *K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Valise* to the next teacher.

### Student Novels

#### (K-12 STUDY CANADA Student Novel Collection - Available Separately)

The *K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Valise* originally contained a total of 36 student novels - enough for an entire class - so that Canadian literature could be appreciated along with the core curricula on Canada. Because the valise is laden with so many materials, all of the novels could not literally fit! If you are interested in using literature in your classroom, the *K-12 STUDY CANADA Student Novel Collection* can be mailed to you separately.

The *K-12 STUDY CANADA Student Novel Collection* is loaned to teachers in the same way as the Resource Valise. Please book online. The novels may be challenging for students in Grades 4 - 5 or easy for those in Grade 9. They are most appropriate for students in Grades 6-8. The selected literature is frequently used in Canadian schools and involves a range of reading levels from high interest/low level (such as Roy MacGregor's novel series) to higher-level Canadian classics (such as W.O. Mitchell's *Who Has Seen the Wind?*). These novels have also been selected for their setting—from Newfoundland to B.C.—and unit-related subject matter. The titles in the collection are identified following the List of Contents. Although titles are linked with specific units in terms of setting and subject, these locations are not intended to restrict students from reading "outside the box". When considered as a group, the total of 36 novels allows for plenty of individual choice, reading ranges, and independent or classroom reading assignments. Teachers are asked, however, to return the novel collection separately from the valise as per arrangements made at the time of request.

### Internet Lists

Each unit folder also contains a single sheet of paper, under plastic cover, that identifies as many interesting educational Internet sites for that topic. The recommended sites are not intended to provide a complete or exclusive selection but, in most cases, the sites do provide excellent information related to the unit topic and are definitely worth both teacher and student exploration. The greatest value of these Internet lists is the time and money they save teachers: the additional resources are free and instantaneous and students can be directed to do research projects without the teacher having to do all the Internet research first. Be aware that electronic resources sometimes move or "die". The lists are only updated once a year so please let me know if one of the sites changes or if you know of other resource-full sites.

Please note that <http://k12studycanada.wvu.edu> is a primary Internet source with an extensive list of Canada links for both students and teachers interested in learning more about Canada. Please visit the website for your curriculum and classroom project needs as well.

**LIST OF CONTENTS****K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Valise: Teacher's Guide (White Binder)**

A general description of the *K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Valise* and the components of each unit (artifacts; teacher resources; interactive media; student novels, and Internet lists) are briefly outlined. Information concerning teacher responsibilities, ordering resources and contacting organizations for teacher-training programs and Canadian resources is provided.

**Multimedia Resources**

*(CD-ROM resource guides are stored in a labeled plastic bag.)*

**8 CD-ROMS:**

*Canada: Confederation to Present*  
*Canadian Geographic Explorer*  
*Cross Country Canada*  
*Totem Poles*  
*Adventure Canada*  
*Nunavut Territory*  
*Land of the Inuit*  
*Canadian Treasures*

**7 Music CDs:**

*Canada is for Kids - Volume 1* (Michael Mitchell)  
*Canada is for Kids - Volume 2* (Michael Mitchell)  
*This Child* (Susan Aglukark)  
*For the Times* (Schooner Fare)  
*Stompin' Tom Sings Canadian History* (*Stompin' Tom Connors*)  
*Gord's Gold* (Gordon Lightfoot)  
*Un Pays Qui Se Chante* (Various Artists)

**6 Videotapes:**

*Postcards from Canada* (41 mins)  
*CBC Life & Times: Lucy Maud Montgomery*  
*The Group of Seven* (15 mins)  
*The Sweater* (10 mins)  
*Paddle to the Sea* (28 mins)  
*Breaking the Ice: The Story of Mary Anne Shadd* (23 mins)

## K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Valise

**9 UNITS OF STUDY (in Red Expandable Wallets)**

(All interactive media are stored separately from units. Other items stored elsewhere in the valise will indicate such.)

**Unit 1: O Canada!**

- Artifacts:** Set of Provincial Flags (with stands) & Canadian Flag; Deck of "Cards Eh!" (Educational Playing Cards); Fold-Out Map of Canada; 12 Laminated Placemats (Vancouver, Toronto, etc.- loose in suitcase)
- Teaching Resources:** *The Spirit of Canada (Canada's Story in Legends, Fiction, Poems & Songs)*  
*Canada's Maple Leaf: The Story of Our Flag* (Owens & Yealland)  
*Canada Northern Neighbor* textbook  
*The Kids Book of Canada* (B. Greenwood)  
*O Canada! The True North Strong and Free!* NIE Guide (T. Storer)
- Multimedia:** *Canada is for Kids: Vols. 1 & 2* (M. Mitchell) - Music CDs  
*Postcards from Canada* - Video (41 mins)
- Internet List:** List of 20 educational websites

**Unit 2: British Columbia: Totems and Emily Carr**

- Artifact:** Totem Pole
- Teaching Resources:** *Emily Carr: An Introduction to her Life and Art*  
*The Art Room* (S. VandeGriek and P. Milleli)  
*Cedar Plank Mask; Bentwood Box; Button Blanket; Spindle Whorl*  
*British Columbia: Land and People* (B. MacDonald)
- Multimedia:** *Totems* - CD-ROM
- Internet List:** List of 12 educational sites

**Unit 3: Images of Ontario: From City to Shield**

- Artifacts:** Model of CN Tower and Brochure  
 Art Pin (A.J. Casson's *White Pine*)
- Teaching Resources:** *Looking at Landscape* Resource Package  
*Images of Nature: Canadian Poets and the Group of Seven\*\**  
*Meet the Group of Seven\*\**
- Multimedia:** *The Group of Seven* (15 mins.) - Video
- Internet List:** List of 12 educational sites

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**Unit 4: Quebec: les Habitants and "the Habs!"**

- Artifacts:** Montreal Canadians "Away" Hockey Jersey
- Teaching Resources:** *Québec Land and People* (B. MacDonald)  
*The Sweater* (R. Carrier)  
*The Rise and Fall (1700-1775) New France* (S & S Learning Materials)
- Multimedia:** *Canada is for Kids (Vols. 1 & 2)* - Music CD  
*Un Pays Qui Se Chante* - Music CD  
*For the Times* - Music CD  
*The Sweater* (10 mins) - Video
- Internet List:** List of 12 educational sites

**Unit 5: The Maritimes and the Land of Anne**

- Artifact:** P.E.I. License Plate with Anne on it
- Teaching Resources:** *Lucy Maud Montgomery: A Writer's Life* (E. McLeod)  
*Duncan's Way* (I. Wallace)
- Multimedia:** *Stompin' Tom Sings Canada's History* - Music CD  
*Canada is for Kids (Vols. 1 & 2)* - Music CD  
*For the Times* (Schooner Fare) - Music CD
- Internet List:** List of 14 educational sites

**Unit 6: Canada's North and the Inuit**

- Artifact:** Inuksuk (stones in small envelope - requires glue and assembly)
- Teaching Resources:** *Artists in the Arctic* Resource Package  
*The Kids Book of the Far North* (A. Love and J. Drake)  
*Arctic Stories* (M. Kusugak)  
*The Inuksuk Book* (M. Wallace)
- Multimedia:** *This Child* (S. Aglukark) - Music CD  
*Nunavut Territory* - CD-ROM
- Internet List:** List of 12 educational sites

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**Unit 7: Canadian Dreams: The Railroad, R.C.M.P., and Yukon Gold**

- Artifacts:** CN and CP Model Railway Cars / RCMP Postcards & RCMP Poster
- Teaching Resources:** *The Cremation of Sam McGee* (R. Service)  
*The Kids Book of Canada's Railway* (D. Hodge)  
*Boldly Canadian: RCMP*  
*Life in the Old West Series (2): The Railroad and The Gold Rush;*
- Multimedia:** *Canada is For Kids - Vol. 2* (Michael Mitchell) - Music CD  
*Stompin' Tom Sings Canada's History* - Music CD  
*Canada: Confederation to Present* - CD-ROM
- Internet List:** List of 12 educational sites

**Unit 8: Canada's First Nations**

- Artifact:** Birchbark Canoe (recommended but no longer included)
- Teaching Resources:** *Contemporary Art by First Nations Artists* Resource Package  
*From Time Immemorial* (D. Silvey)  
*Canada History Part I: Prehistoric Canada (Ancient Canada - Aboriginal People)*  
*Paddle to the Sea* (H.C. Holling)
- Multimedia:** *Paddle to the Sea* (28 mins) - Video
- Internet List:** List of 12 educational sites

**Unit 9: Black Canadians & the Underground Railroad**

- Artifacts:** "Equality" Pin; Black History Month in Canada Poster;  
 "I'm on My Way to Canada" lyrics (in plastic sleeve with Internet sites).
- Teaching Resources:** *African Canadians Achievement: In Our Time* (R. Ffrench)  
*An Enduring Heritage: Black Contributions to Early Ontario*  
*The Story of Mary Ann Shadd* (R. Breon & V. Cudjoe)  
*The Kids Book of Black Canadian History* (R. Sadlier & W. Quijin)
- Multimedia:** *Breaking the Ice: The Story of Mary Anne Shadd* (23 mins) - Video
- Internet List:** List of 11 educational sites

**K-12 STUDY CANADA STUDENT NOVEL COLLECTION****(This loan-kit is available separately.)****Unit 1: O Canada!**

Student Novels:  
(Central Provinces)

*Tunnels of Time* (M. Harelkin Bishop) - Saskatchewan  
*Rebellion* (J. Scanlon) - Manitoba  
*Who Has Seen the Wind?* (W.O. Mitchell) -Saskatchewan  
*Jake and the Kid* (W.O. Mitchell) - Saskatchewan  
*Ticket to Curlew* (C.B. Lottridge) - Alberta

**Unit 2: British Columbia: Totems and Emily Carr**

Student Novels:

*Lambs of Hell's Gate* (M.L. Bright)  
*Cariboo Runaway* (D. Davis)  
*The West Coast Murders* (R. MacGregor)  
*Raven's Flight* (D. Silvey)  
*Will's Garden* (L. Maracle)

**Unit 3: Images of Ontario: From City to Shield**

Student Novels:

*The Lost Sketch* (Adventure.Net Series)  
*A Bushel of Light* (T. Harrison)  
*The Ghost of the Stanley Cup* (R. MacGregor)  
*Horror on River Road* (R. MacGregor)

**Unit 4: Quebec: les Habitants and "the Habs!"**

Student Novels:

*Terra Incognita* (A. Metikosh)  
*The Hollow Tree* (J. Lunn)  
*The Quebec City Crisis* (R. MacGregor)  
*The King's Daughter* (S. Martel)

**Unit 5: The Maritimes and the Land of Anne**

Student Novels:

*The Girl on Evangeline Beach* (A. Carter)  
*Anne of Green Gables* (L.M. Montgomery)  
*Anne of Avonlea* (L.M.Montgomery)  
*Anne of the Island* (L.M. Montgomery)  
*Lucy Maud and Me* (M.F. Coady)

**Unit 6: Canada's North and the Inuit**

Student Novels:      *Napachee* (R. Feagan)  
                              *The Screech Owls' Northern Adventure* (R. MacGregor)  
                              *Lost in the Barrens* (F. Mowat)  
                              *Call of the Wild* (J. London)

**Unit 7: Canadian Dreams: The Railroad, R.C.M.P., and Yukon Gold**

Student Novels:      *Jason's Gold* (W. Hobbs)  
                              *Ambush in the Foothills* (B. Freeman)  
                              *Gold Fever Trail* (Monica Hughes)  
                              *Steel across the Shield* (P. Berton)

**Unit 8: Canada's First Nations**

Student Novels:      *Maybe Tomorrow* (J. Weir)  
                              *My Name is Sepeetza* (S. Sterling)  
                              (Also see novels in Units 2 & 6)

**Unit 9: Black Canadians & the Underground Railroad**

Student Novels:      *Underground to Canada* (B. Smucker)  
                              *If I Just Had Two Wings* (V.F. Schwartz)  
                              *The Last Safe House* (B. Greenwood)

## ORDERING RESOURCES

The following businesses donated valuable resources for the K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Valise. Please consider ordering the resources for your classroom, department or school library if you found them beneficial teaching tools. Although several product catalogs are included at the back of this binder for your perusal, prices change and discounts vary so you are asked to contact each of these businesses for availability and pricing. Mention the *K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Valise* and you may even be eligible for a teaching discount.

If you would like to order a resource that is not listed here but is included in the *K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Valise*, please notify the Center for Canadian-American Studies of your interest.

### Business Addresses

#### **BestSellers Direct**

Mark Elliott  
145 Tye Drive, Unit #154  
Point Roberts, WA 98281-9602

#### **Central Arctic Services Ltd.**

P.O. Box 115  
Gjoa Haven, Nunavut  
CANADA X0E 1J0

#### **Chinook Multimedia Inc.**

2112 - 8308 114 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta  
CANADA T6G 2E1

#### **First Run / Icarus Films**

32 Court Street, 21st Floor  
Brooklyn NY 11201  
New York, New York 10014

#### **Flagworks!**

133 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.E.  
Calgary, Alberta  
CANADA T2G 0Z9

#### **JK Productions**

5951 McCallan Road  
Richmond, British Columbia  
CANADA V7C 2H5

### Resources & Contact Information

#### **All Book & CD-ROM Titles with \*\* in Unit Contents**

<http://www.bestsellersdirectusa.com>  
Toll Free (877) 890-6727  
Email: [info@bestsellersdirectusa.com](mailto:info@bestsellersdirectusa.com)

#### **CD-ROM: *Nunavut Territory, Canada***

[www.huskydog.com](http://www.huskydog.com)  
(780) 439-9862  
Email: [nunavut@huskydog.com](mailto:nunavut@huskydog.com) or [cahill@telusplanet.net](mailto:cahill@telusplanet.net)

#### **CD-ROM: *Canada, Confederation to Present***

[www.chinookmultimedia.com](http://www.chinookmultimedia.com)  
(866) 434-7881  
Email: [d.legge@chinookmultimedia.com](mailto:d.legge@chinookmultimedia.com)

#### **Video: *Breaking the Ice***

[www.frif.com](http://www.frif.com)  
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- McMichael Canadian Art Collection** Video: *Group of Seven & Teacher Resource Packages*  
 10365 Islington Avenue [www.mcmichael.com](http://www.mcmichael.com)  
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- National Film Board of Canada** *CD-ROMs: Canadian Geographic Explorer; Canada's Visual History*  
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 275 Selkirk Avenue [www.sunshinerecords.com](http://www.sunshinerecords.com)  
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**Center for Canadian-American Studies at Western Washington University.**

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**(360) 650-3728**

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