

Many Voices Grade 1

Annotated Resources

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Note that Web sites that are no longer available have been removed and replaced, Where possible, with appropriate alternatives. It was not possible to provide alternatives for all broken links.

Unit 1

Set Up Learning Experiences

Literature Links

D.W.'s Library Card by Marc Brown (Boston, MA: Little, Brown and Co., 2003).

Read Aloud: D.W. earns her very own library card and finally belongs to the library. She learns about the responsibilities of belonging to the library and caring for books.

MacMurtrey's Wall by Marc Sutherland (New York, NY: Harry N. Abrams, 2001).

Read Aloud: Strong man MacMurtrey tries to show his strength by building a wall to hold back the sea. However, he learns that community strength is greatest of all.

We Can Get Along: A Child's Book of Choices by Lauren Murphy Payne (Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing, 1997).

Read Aloud: Written in verse. Provides children with ideas on getting along with others at school, in the neighbourhood, and on the playground.

Resource Links

ABC of Canada by Kim Bellefontaine (Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 2004).

Read Aloud or Independent Reading: Travel across Canada and see many colourful landscapes, landmarks, symbols, seasonal scenes, clothes, recreation, animals, jobs, and weather that represent Canada.

Our Canadian Flag by Maxine Trottier & Brian Deines (Richmond Hill, ON: North Winds Press, 2004).

Read Aloud or Independent Reading: This simple easy-to-read text with beautiful illustrations provides the symbols, history, and uses of our Canadian flag.

CD-ROMs and Software

JumpStart Explorers (Torrance, CA: Knowledge Adventures Inc.). Early learners travel back in time and learn important historical events on CD-ROM. Many activities involve compass points and map grids and help kids learn real-life mapping skills, while others involve mazes, time cards, and mini-movies depicting historical events and geography.

My First Amazing World Explorer 2.0 (New York: DK Multimedia, 1998). This program looks at the larger world we live in. The CD-ROM introduces basic world geography and includes a great deal of information about various cultures and peoples.

Web Sites

Enchanted Learning: <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Home.html>. Go to the Zoom School geography section and click on Canada. Learn all about Canada's geography, flag, artists,

explorers, and animals (national identity).

RCMP: <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/hist/index-eng.htm>. Text and photos of RCMP history.
Canadian Heritage: <http://www.pch.gc.ca/index-eng.cfm>. A Government of Canada site explaining the various national symbols.

History of the Blackfoot People in the Milk River Valley:
<http://www.uleth.ca/vft/milkriver/native.html>. Photos and text about Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park.

Environment Canada: http://www.ec.gc.ca/EnviroZine/english/issues/26/any_questions_e.cfm.
Explanation of the recycling symbols. A good site for students with links to many environmental issues.

Legislative Assembly of Alberta:
<http://www.assembly.ab.ca/visitor/Teachers/pdf/ELL.pdf>. History and photo of the legislature building.

Hoodoos: <http://www.uleth.ca/vft/milkriver/hoodoos.html>. Explanation and photos of hoodoos.
Currency Museum: <http://www.currencymuseum.ca>. Explanation of the symbols used on Canadian coins.

Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada: Mother Tongue in Canada:
<http://www.asiapacific.ca/>. This site gives a good overview of the percentages of people in different language groups in Canada, according to the 2001 census.

Videos and DVDs

City, Suburb and Rural Communities (100% Educational Videos, 2003). 16 min. Three children show what it is like to live in their community. Schools, stores, and playtime activities are presented in each type of community.

We All Belong

Literature Links

There's Only One of Me! by Pat Hutchins (New York, NY: Greenwillow Books, 2003).

Whoever You Are by Mem Fox (San Diego, CA: Harcourt Brace, 2001).

Read Aloud or Independent Reading: Celebrates the similarities and differences in children and their communities from all over the world.

Our School and Community

Literature Links

Franklin's Neighbourhood by Paulette Bourgeois (Toronto, ON: Kids Can Press, 1999)

Read Aloud: Franklin learns about his neighbourhood for school. He has to draw what he likes best. Franklin and his friends love many different places in the community. Franklin draws a picture of his neighbours because he likes the people in the community best of all. There is a useful, simple community map at beginning of unit.

On the Town: A Community Adventure by Judith Caseley (Toronto, ON: HarperCollins Canada, 2002)

Read Aloud: Charlie and his mother walk around the neighbourhood doing errands so that Charlie can write in his notebook about the people and places that make up his community.

Treasure Hunt by Allan Ahlberg (Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2002).

How Can We Tell It's a Group?

Literature Links

The Talking Cloth by Rhonda Mitchell (Markham, ON: Scholastic Canada, 1997).

Read Aloud: Amber wears a traditional cloth from Ghana when she goes to visit her aunt. Her aunt teaches her about the significance of colours and symbols of the West-African culture.

Where Did You Get Your Moccasins? by Bernelda Wheeler (Winnipeg, MB: Pemmican Publications, 1986).

Read Aloud: Children at school are curious about where their classmate got his moccasins. In this question-and-answer-patterned book, the boy describes in detail how his grandmother, or *Kokum*, made his moccasins.

My Rights and Responsibilities

Literature Links

Get Out of Bed! by Robert Munsch (Markham, ON: Scholastic Canada, 2000).

Read Aloud: Amy was not very responsible and stayed up all night. The next day she could not get up for school. Amy's brother comes up with a crazy idea to get her to school on time.

If You Could Wear My Sneakers! by Sheree Fitch. (New York, NY: Firefly Books, 1998).

A collection of humorous poetry raising awareness of children's rights around the world. Has some very insightful poetry and is beautifully illustrated.

Sissy Buttons Takes Charge! by Ian Whybrow (New York, NY: Scholastic, 2002).

Read Aloud: Sissy is always busy doing things she likes. She always seems to run out of energy when her mom asks her to clean up. When Sissy falls asleep instead of cleaning up, her dream teaches her an important lesson.

Take Turns, Penguin! by Jeanne Willis (Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, 2002).

Read Aloud: On Penguin's first day of school, he won't share the slide with others until crocodile teaches him a lesson.

Unit 2

Set Up Learning Experiences

Literature Links

Blue and Beautiful: Planet Earth, Our Home by Ruth Rocha (New York, NY: United Nations Publications, 1990).

Read Aloud or Independent Reading: Simple, easy-to-read text makes this enormous topic easy to understand.

Children of the Earth Remember by Schim Schimmel (Minnetonka, MN: NorthWord Press, 2002).

Read Aloud or Independent Reading: The text tells the story of animals and people living on Earth with an important lesson that everyone is responsible for sharing and protecting the Earth.

Chocolate Train by Joanne Kornfeld (Medford, NY: Earthkids Publishing, 2002).

Read Aloud or Independent Reading: The Passengers on the train work together to rebuild Chocolateville and help the chocolate people

Clifford's Spring Clean-Up by Norman Bridwell (Markham, ON: Scholastic Canada, 1997).

Read Aloud or Independent Reading: Emily Elizabeth, her family, and Clifford clean up the house and help the community paint benches and plant a garden.

Just a Dream by Chris Van Allsburg (Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1990).
Read Aloud: Walter learns to change his ways and begins to care about the environment after dreaming of what things might be like in the future.

Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne (New York, NY: DK Publishing, 2001).
Read Aloud: A unique look at who uses a community park. The book shows how different people use the park for different reasons and offers children an opportunity to explore different perspectives.

CD-ROMs and Software

Kid Pix® Deluxe 4 for Schools (Boston, MA: Riverdeep Interactive Learning, 2004).
Children can draw and paint, produce slide shows, storybooks, and comic strips and add various sounds and effects. To find out more, visit www.riverdeep.net/products/kid_pix/kpd4.jhtml.

Books

The Canadian Junior Green Guide: How You Can Help Save the World by Terri Degler and Pollution Probe (Toronto, ON: McClelland & Stewart, 1990).
The text includes ideas and projects for children and poems by Dennis Lee.

The Kid's Guide to Social Action by Barbara Lewis (Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing, 1998). This book provides strategies to help children turn creative thinking into positive action.

Web Sites

Enchanted Learning: <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Dictionary.html>. Browse through the picture dictionary to find information about various animals and many other topics. Easy to navigate, but you will need an older student or adult volunteer to help with reading.

Rainforest Heroes: http://www.ran.org/new/kidscorner/heroes_corner/. A site with various activities and lots of information related to rain forests. Children can learn useful tips for things to do at home and in their community that will help save the rain forest. The site includes crafts, recipes, colouring book, information about the rain forest, and a teacher's corner. There are great photographs of rain forest heroes (children of all ages) doing their part to ensure the vitality of the global community. Easy to navigate, but depending on where you go on the site, you might need an older student or adult volunteer to help with some reading.

Welcome to Alberta Environment: <http://environment.alberta.ca>. Detailed information about Alberta's resource management.

Composting Council of Canada: <http://www.compost.org/>. Composting articles, news, and tips.
Environment Canada: <http://www.atl.ec.gc.ca>. Learn how to create your own home or school compost system. Gives instruction for building a composter, and how to make compost.

Composting for Kids:
<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/sustainable/slidesets/kidscompost/cover.html>. Provides a slide show for children about composting.

Videos and DVDs

Here's My Question: Where Does Garbage Go? (Oley, PA: Bullfrog Films, 2000). 26 minutes.
This video teaches students about garbage and recycling as children visit a landfill and recycling plant.

We Look After Our World

Literature Links

Franklin Plants a Tree by Paulette Bourgeois (Toronto, ON: Kids Can Press, 2001).

Read Aloud: Franklin gets a baby tree on Earth Day, but loses the seedling. When he gets the tree back, Franklin plants the seedling and takes care of the tree by watering and visiting it every day.

If I Ran the Rainforest: All About Tropical Rainforests by Bonnie Worth (New York, NY: Random House, 2003).

Read Aloud and Independent Reading: Using rhyme, the text examines how animals, people, flowers and trees are all important parts of the ecosystem. The book includes an important message for children about saving trees.

Resource Links

Backyard Detective: Critters Up Close by Nic Bishop (New York, NY: Scholastic Press, 2002).

Read Aloud with independent/group detective work: Young nature detectives can investigate seven backyard habitats. Includes picture index, detailed photographs, useful facts, and projects.

Web Sites

Hinterland Who's Who: http://www.hww.ca/index_e.asp. This site has lots of information on Canadian wildlife species. The content is too complex for a child to use alone, but the fact sheets have a wealth of information that an adult can help a child understand.

Let's Decide

Literature Links

Arthur's Birthday by Marc Brown (Boston, MA: Little Brown & Company, 1991).

Read Aloud and Independent reading: Arthur and Francine schedule their birthday parties for the same day. Their friends have to reluctantly choose which party to go to. Arthur and Francine decide to compromise, and they come up with a surprising plan.

Trouble in the Barkers' Class by Tomie DePaola (New York, NY: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2003).

Read Aloud: Carole Anne goes to a new school and acts like a bully. The class works together to welcome and help Carole Anne adjust to her new school.

We Care

Literature Links

Franklin Plays the Game by Paulette Bourgeois (Toronto, ON: Kids Can Press, 1999).

Read Aloud: Franklin and his friends learn that playing soccer is more fun when they cooperate, share, and play as a team.

Herman the Helper by Robert Kraus (Scarborough, ON: Prentice-Hall, 1987).

Read Aloud: Herman, an octopus, helps people in his community.

The Blueberry Way

Literature Links

The Great Trash Bash by Loreen Leedy (New York, NY: Holiday House, 2000).

Read Aloud or Independent Reading: There's trouble in Beaston, and the animals work together to clean up their community.

Spaghetti Park by DyAnne DiSalvo (New York, NY: Holiday House, 2002).

Read Aloud: Angelo and his grandfather work with members of their neighbourhood to clean up their park.

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Unit 3

Set Up Learning Experiences

Literature Links

The Little Country Town by Jandelyn Southwell (New York, NY: Henry Holt, 2001).

Written in poetic verse. The poem reflects on a summer day and evening in a little country town, describing the sights, sounds, and smells of the countryside.

My Map Book by Sara Fanelli (New York, NY: HarperCollins, 1995).

Child-like drawings illustrate a variety of interesting and unusual maps, including a map of my tummy, my day, my bedroom, my neighbourhood, and roads.

Resource Links

Big City/Big Country: Counting Book by Ian Crysler (Richmond Hill, ON: Scholastic, 1998).

Count your way through the country. Turn the book upside down to count your way through the city.

Looking Down by Steve Jenkins (Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin, 1995).

A wordless picture book begins with a look at the Earth from outer space and continues its journey toward a child standing on a sidewalk

Me on the Map by Joan Sweeney (New York, NY: Random House, 1998).

A young girl shows examples of maps, beginning with a map of her room, then her room on a map of her house, and so on, to a map of the world.

Books

The Geography Book: Activities for Exploring, Mapping, and Enjoying Your World by Caroline Arnold (New York, NY: John Wiley & Sons, 2001).

Fun and easy projects from finding directions to mapping your neighbourhood.

Geography Wizardry for Kids by Margaret Kenda (New York, NY: Barron's Educational Series, 1997).

More than 200 fun projects, maps, games, crafts, and experiments for young geographers.

Videos and DVDs

City, Suburb, and Rural Communities. Community Collection series. 16 minutes. (El Dorado Hills, CA: 100% Educational Videos, 2003). Students learn about the similarities and differences

between communities by following three children as they show what it's like to live in their neighbourhoods. They cover schools, stores, and playtime activities in each type of neighbourhood.

Farming for Kids. Vrrrooommm! series. (Victor, NY: Rainbow Communications, 1994). Visit a 2832-hectare farm with Farmer Bill, and learn how vegetables and grains are planted, grown, and harvested. Various types of farm equipment are operated, showing what jobs they do on the farm.

Web Sites

Alberta Photos: www.discoveralberta.com/Photos. Worldweb.com photo gallery of Alberta: cities, towns, landscapes, technology, wildlife, people, and culture. Photos can be sent as electronic postcards.

Art of Harry Palmer: <http://arthp.com/>. Photos by Harry Palmer (Calgarian, documentary photographer) from all around Alberta. Good mix of urban, rural, mountains, industry, grain elevators, and communities. Includes a link to more than 800 images of Canadian places and people.

Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump: <http://www.head-smashed-in.com>. Includes archeological facts and Blackfoot history as well as a virtual tour of this world heritage site.

Ukrainian Heritage Cultural Village: <http://culture.alberta.ca/museums/historicsiteslisting/ukrainianvillage/default.aspx>. Visitors can take a virtual tour of this museum through pictures. Voice clips provide pronunciation of some terms in both English and Ukrainian.

Oil Sands Discovery Centre: <http://oilsandsdiscovery.com/>. Provides a brief history of the Athabasca oil sands and links to related sites. Includes a kids' centre with a Top Ten Questions fact sheet.

Father Lacombe Chapel: <http://www.metisheritage.ca/fatherlacombe.htm>. A brief description and photos.

Legislative Assembly of Alberta: <http://www.assembly.ab.ca/visitor/Tour/index.htm>. History and photos of the building, photos of premiers, an explanation what the legislature is and the procedure in the chamber. Includes photos and brief information about Alberta's "Famous Five."

History of Development: Leduc: Causes and Effects: http://www.abheritage.ca/abresources/history/history_leduc_town.html.

History and photos of the discovery of oil and gas at Leduc.
Glenbow Museum: <http://www.glenbow.org>. A description of the museum and its art collection. Includes photos.

Mapping My World

Literature Links

The Most Beautiful Kite in the World by Andrea Spalding (Toronto, ON: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2003). The small-town setting provides a different view of the world as a young girl tries to make her homemade kite take flight. Excellent book for teaching perspective.

Mouse Views: What the Class Pet Saw by Bruce McMillan (New York, NY: Holiday House,

1993). A class pet mouse escapes and takes a tour of the school. Photographs challenge readers to identify common school objects from the mouse's perspective.

My Town by Rebecca Treays, Usborne First Geography series (Tulsa, OK: Educational Development Corp., 1998).

A lift-the-flap, interactive book. Illustrates a town and surrounding area. Includes fold-out maps for children to see and use.

Resource Links

Alberta by Tanya Lloyd, Canada Series (Vancouver, BC: Whitecap Books, 2000).

More than 90 pages of colourful photos from around Alberta, from mountains to dinosaur fossils.

Canada: A Visual Journey by Tanya Lloyd (Vancouver, BC: Whitecap Books, 1997).

Pictorial representation of Canada. Beautiful photographs of the Rockies, Great Lakes, Canadian Shield, First Nations people, and more.

One Is Canada by Maxine Trottier (Toronto, ON: HarperCollins Canada, 2000).

A counting book that criss-crosses Canada with many geographical connections. It covers our rich heritage from First Nations peoples to the Group of Seven and shows what it means to be Canadian.

Postcards from Barnaby

Literature Links

Eh? to Zed: A Canadian Abecedarium by Kevin Major. (Red Deer, AB: Red Deer Press, 2000). An alphabet book filled with many of Canada's landmarks, icons, people, places, geographic features, and animals.

Hold On, McGinty! by Nancy Hartry (Toronto, ON: Doubleday, 1999).

McGinty, an old fisherman from Newfoundland, finds there are no longer any cod to fish for. So he packs up his boat and heads to Canada's Pacific coast. This easy-to-read journal enables the reader to trace McGinty's route as he heads across Canada.

Urban or Rural or Both?

Literature Links

City Dog by Karla Kuskin (Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin, 1998).

This book is written in verse and follows the city dog as she explores the country and finds it so different from the crowded city she lives in. The author explores the sights, smells, and sounds of the country.

Country Kid, City Kid by Julie Cummins (New York, NY: Henry Holt, 2002).

This book compares two children, one living in the country and one living in the city.

The Happy Hocky Family Moves to the Country by Lane Smith (New York, NY: Penguin, 2003).

This funny story follows the Hocky family as they discover the joys and trials of country living, including the rooster wake-up calls, rain outside and inside, and squirrels in the birdfeeder.

Town Mouse, Country Mouse by Jan Brett (New York, NY: Putnam & Grosset, 2003).

A beautifully illustrated version of the classic tale of two mice that believe life would be easier if they switched places.

Unit 4

Set Up Learning Experiences

Literature Links

The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton (Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin, 2002).

Read aloud or independent reading: Classic children's book that looks at progress through the perspective of a country house as a city grows up around it.

Mama Zooms by Jane Cowen-Fletcher (Markham, ON: Scholastic, 1994).

A mom takes her little boy everywhere on her wheelchair. Sometimes he is in a racecar, train, or plane.

The Memory String by Eve Bunting (New York, NY: Clarion Books, 2000).

A little girl's memories of her mother are captured on a string of buttons. Each button has a special memory. With the help of her stepmother, Laura begins to realize another memory string can be made from new memories.

Waiting for the Whales by Sheryl McFarlane (Victoria, BC: Orca Book Publishers, 1998).

An elderly man lives on the coast. His daughter and granddaughter move in with him. The grandpa teaches his granddaughter many things about whales. Then the grandpa dies and the mother and daughter carry on the tradition of whale watching.

Resource Links

Alberta: Journey Across Canada by Harry Beckett (Vero Beach, FL: The Rourke Book Co., Inc., 1999).

Information about Alberta. Includes weather, land, size, location, major cities, signs, symbols, glossary, index. Good for early grades.

Canada Celebrates Multiculturalism by Bobbie Kalman (St. Catharines, ON: Crabtree Publishing, 1993). Looks at traditions, foods, dances and festivals of Canada's people.

Canada Day by Patricia J. Murphy (Toronto, ON: Children's Press 2002).

Explains the history, importance, and celebration of Canada Day. Good pictures.

Celebrating Chinese New Year by Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith (New York, NY: Holiday House, 1989).

A young boy and his family prepare for and celebrate Chinese New Year. Includes colourful photos.

Chinese New Year by Alice K. Flanagan, Holidays and Festivals Series (Minneapolis; MN: Compass Point Books, 2004).

Includes information for children about history, customs, and symbols of Chinese New Year.

Web Sites

Government of Canada: Aboriginal Canada Portal: <http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/>. Besides quite a few Aboriginal legends, this site offers history, maps, traditions, games, projects, and more for kids.

Manitoba Métis Federation: www.mmf.mb.ca Gives a historical account of the Métis settlements throughout Canada and the United States. Has a large section on Alberta, and several pieces on Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Lac La Biche Real Estate www.albertahomesearch.com/offices/laclabiche.html.

This site gives a bit of the history of the Lac La Biche area and tells about the immigrants that settled there.

National Aboriginal Day: Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: History National Poster

Contest Winners: www.ainc-inac.gc.ca. This site tells about the National Aboriginal Day poster contest and the Métis, First Nations, and Inuit artists whose works were chosen. At the bottom of

the page, there are links to each artist. Click on each one to see the artwork featured on each poster.

CD-ROMs and Software *Kidspiration*®. Portland, OR: Inspiration, 2001.

www.inspiration.com. This software provides a visual way for learners from Kindergarten to Grade 5 to organize their thinking, planning, and writing. The newest version, *Kidspiration 2*®, comes with 75 activity templates. These opened activities are correlated to curriculum objectives covering reading and writing, social studies, science, and math. Children can organize the information from the chapters on reports.

Videos

Peter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats (Weston, CT: Weston Woods, 1971). Peter has a new baby sister, and many of his old things are being painted pink. Peter rescues his blue chair and runs away.

Changes, Changes by Pat Hutchins (Norwalk, CT: Weston Woods, 1973). 6 minutes. As events change around them and issues come up, two wooden dolls rearrange a set of blocks to fit each new situation.

Web Sites

Aboriginal Canada Portal: www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca. Kids' section includes information about Aboriginal peoples, history, dwellings, language, legends, songs, toys and games, traditions, etc.

Virtual Museum of Canada: www.virtualmuseum.ca. Includes image gallery, fun and games, and a teacher's area.

Travel Alberta: <http://TravelAlberta.com>. Information on where to find visitor information centres in your area, photos and video, and a kid's section.

Life Is Better in Beaumont: www.town.beaumont.ab.ca/. The official site of the town of Beaumont. Includes a historic profile, attractions, and photos.

High River Town Hall: <http://www.highriver.ca/visiting-high-river/historic-murals>. Has links to history, attractions, and other information about the town.

Canadian Heritage: C

anada Day: <http://www.pch.gc.ca/special/canada/11/canada-eng.cfm>.

Historical background of Canada Day.

Canadian Heritage: Celebrate Canada: <http://www.pch.gc.ca/special/canada/index-eng.cfm>.

Offers some history games and images for colouring. Includes an instrumental audio of the national anthem.

Calgary Stampede: <http://www.stampede.coolattractions.com/>. Provides a timeline summary of Stampede history and information on annual attractions.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: National Aboriginal Day: <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ach/ev/nad/index-eng.asp> Includes ideas for events, historical information, and a kids' corner.

KidsDomain Family Resource: <http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/chineseny.html>. Site includes literature links, crafts, cards, pictures, clip art, folk and fairy tales, recipes, etc.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/scr/bc/fnbc/jstkds/index-eng.asp>.

Has a Kid's Stop and Teacher's Section with downloadable information about Aboriginal sports, legends, and history.

Canadian Holidays and Celebrations: <http://library.thinkquest.org/4075/Canada.html?tqskip1=1>.

As well as the commonly known celebrations, such as Thanksgiving and Boxing Day, this site provides brief information on other celebrations, such as Coptic New Year and Polar Bear Swim Day.

Kids, Families, and Changes

Literature Links

Tenth Good Thing About Barney by Judith Viorst (New York, NY: Aladdin Publishing, 1987).

A boy's cat dies and he deals with his grief by thinking of the ten best things about his pet.

Two Homes by Claire Masurel (Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2003).

Alex's parents live in different places. He likes both homes and knows his parents love him even if they are not all living in one house.

The Two of Them by Alike (New York, NY: Greenwillow Books, 1979).

A little girl and a grandfather take care of each other from the time she is born until the time he dies.

One Family's Story

Literature Links

The Story of Noodles by Ying Compestine (New York, NY: Holiday House, 2002).

Read Aloud: The Kang brothers invent a new food when they are supposed to be making traditional dumplings. Includes cultural and historical information.

Window by Jeannie Baker (New York, NY: Penguin Books, 1993).

Wordless picture book. Shows changes in the landscape over a 24-year period. These changes are caused by people and are seen through a window.

Resource Links

We Are All Related: A Celebration of Our Cultural Heritage by Students of G.T. Cunningham Elementary School in Vancouver. Foreword by George Littlechild (Vancouver, BC: Polestar Book Publishers, 2000).

These students learned about the First Nations history, culture, and art, and created a collage based on what they learned. Encourages others to make their own collages. The book is a reflection of Canada's mosaic of cultures.

Painting the Past

Literature Links

Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children by Michael Caduto and Joseph Bruchac (Saskatoon, SK: Fifth House, 1999).

Stories and activities to teach children about maintaining and caring for their community.

Something to Remember Me By by Susan V. Bosak (Toronto, ON: The Communication Project, 2003).

A girl inherits a chest from her grandma. The items inside tell about the past.

Under a Prairie Sky by Anne Laurel Carter (Victoria, BC: Orca Book Publishers, 2004).

As a storm threatens in the prairie sky, a boy must ride out to find his wandering younger brother. He pretends to be a Mountie while searching.

Resource Links

Heartland: A Prairie Sampler by Jo Bannatyne-Cugnet (Toronto, ON: Tundra Books, 2002).

Tells about the people in Canada's heartland—the prairies. Also includes information about unique prairie weather, bale jumping, arts and crafts, and baking.

A Young Adult's Guide to the Canadian West by Don Brestler (Kingston, RI: Acorn Alliance House, 2002).

Albertan author born in the 1930s tells the history of central and southern Alberta.

Voices from Lac La Biche

Literature Links

A Name for a Métis by Deborah L. Delaronde (Winnipeg, MB: Pemmican Publications, 1999).

A young boy searches for a nickname that will be respected. He goes to each family member, before his grandfather helps him find the right name.

Resource Links

Heartland by Jo-Bannatyne-Cugnet (Toronto, ON: Tundra Books, 2002).

Read Aloud: Great pictures to look at the land and the people on the Prairies. Canadian author. Includes recipes and crafts.

What Is a Community? From A–Z by Bobbie Kalman (St. Catharines, ON: Crabtree Publishing, 1999).

Facts about kinds of communities, people, travel, transportation, government, economy, services, and what makes a community work successfully.

How the Mouse Got Brown Teeth

Literature Links

Coyote as the Sun and Other Stories. (Kamloops, BC: Secwepemc Cultural Education Society, 1993).

Shuswap legends explaining why chipmunks have stripes, how the seasons came to be, and the general respect Aboriginal people have for the world around them.

How Raven Freed the Moon by Anne Cameron. (Madeira Park, BC: Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd., 1985).

In this Northwest Coast legend, raven transforms into a baby to free the moon, which is trapped in a old fisherwoman's cedar chest.

The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush by Tomie dePaola (New York, NY: Putnam Books, 2002).

A vivid retelling of an old Texas legend that reveals how the wildflower, the Indian Paintbrush, first bloomed. It involves a young brave who dreams of creating a painting that captures the beauty of a sunset.

The Polar Bears' Gift by Jeanne Bushey (Red Deer, AB: Red Deer Books, 2000).

Read Aloud: Based on an Inuit legend and reflects the traditional respect toward animals.

Resource Links

This Land Is My Land by George Littlechild (San Francisco, CA: Children's Book Press, 2003). Using vivid pictures, Littlechild celebrates the culture and history of Canada's First Nations peoples.

Web Sites

George Littlechild: www.artists4kids.com/artists/littlechild.php. This site provides some background information on Littlechild, as well as a selection of Aboriginal art.

Youth Aboriginal Network: <http://www.nechi.com/>. Provides a collection of Aboriginal legends, some written by children.

Canada's People

Literature Links

Little White Cabin by Ferguson Plain (Winnipeg, MB: Pemmican Publications, 1992).

A story of a boy's friendship with an elder who shares his legends, cultural traditions, and knowledge.

Moonstick: The Seasons of the Sioux by Eve Bunting (New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers, 2000).

A young boy learns from his father how to keep track of the seasons using a moonstick, and he passes the knowledge to his grandson.

Resource Links

Canada Day by Heather Kissock (Calgary, AB: Weigl Educational Publishers, 2003).

Explains about Canada Day and the Canadian flag. Includes information on how to become a Canadian citizen and the words to our national anthem. Good pictures.

My Community, Then and Now

Literature Links

Me Counting Time: From Seconds to Centuries by Joan Sweeney (New York, NY: Dragonfly Books, 2001).

Time concepts from a second to a millennium, demonstrated throughout an easy-to-read and easy-to-understand picture book.

My Kokum Called Today by Iris Loewen (Winnipeg, MB: Pemmican Publishers, 1993).

On a trip from the city to the preserve, a young girl thinks about how fond she is of her Cree grandmother and the special traditions her Kokum shares with her.

Web Sites

Maison Saint-Gabriel: A Virtual Feast for the Eyes: www.maisonsaint-gabriel.qc.ca.

Users can discover objects and treasures of the past and do selected activities.

Project-Based Learning Resources

Katz, Lillian G. and Sylvia Chard. *Engaging Children's Minds: The Project Approach*.

Ablex Publishing, 2000. ISBN 1567505015. The authors discuss in great detail the philosophical, theoretical, and research bases of project work. The three typical phases of project work are presented, and detailed suggestions for implementing each one are described. Using specific examples, this book clarifies and articulates the process and benefits of the project approach.

Other books include

Chard, Sylvia. *The Project Approach: Making Curriculum Come Alive*. New York, NY: Scholastic, 1998.

Chard, Sylvia. *The Project Approach: Managing Successful Projects*. New York, NY: Scholastic, 1998.

Project Approach Web Site: <http://www.projectapproach.org/>

Project-Based Learning Through Technology: www.edutopia.org/project-learning