

# Many Voices Grade 2

## 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: Looking at Places

#### Starting Up

##### CD-ROMs and Software

*Kidspiration*®. Portland, OR: Inspiration, 2001: [www.inspiration.com](http://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. Mitchell, Michael. *Canada Is for Kids*. Victoria, BC: MKM Music Productions, 1998. Songs that tell stories of the people, places, and moments in history that help define us as Canadians.

Raffi. *Bananaphone*. Troubadour Records, 1999. Songs about Canada and the First Nations. *Cross Country Canada 2*—This computer program from Didatech is designed for children ages 4–9 and teaches them geography as they take various delivery jobs driving a truck across the country.

##### Videos and DVDs

*A Kid's View of Canada*. Montreal, QC: National Film Board of Canada, 1998. 28 minutes. A nine-year-old boy travels across Canada and asks other nine-year-olds probing questions such as, Do you think all Canadian children are the same as you? Who are some famous Canadians that you know? Do you think that Canada acts like a family?

*Canada: People and Places*. Benchmark, 1997. 20 minutes. This looks at the terrain and climate of Canada's different physical regions.

##### Books

Moore, Christopher. *The Big Book of Canada: Exploring the Provinces and Territories*. Toronto: Tundra Books, 2002. Christopher Moore brings the provinces and territories to life, drawing together history and politics, the famous and infamous, the people, places, and industries that have defined the nation. For good measure he's added a few fun elements into the mix—a recipe for poutine, a Newfoundland dictionary, and a roster of daredevils who have braved Niagara Falls. The book has modern and archival photographs, maps, a list of further readings, and a useful index.

##### Web Sites

Clare Tourism: <http://www.yarmouthandacadianshores.com/>. This official tourism site for the Annapolis valley has a section on Meteghan that includes its history and places to stay.

Government of Nunavut: [www.gov.nu.ca](http://www.gov.nu.ca). This government site has good information and links. Weather Resources for Students: [www.wxduke.com](http://www.wxduke.com). Nick Walker's educational site about

weather has loads of interesting weather facts and activities for children, teachers, and parents.

Natural Resources of Canada: The Atlas of Canada: [www.atlas.gc.ca/site/index.html](http://www.atlas.gc.ca/site/index.html). At this online atlas site, children can access maps of specific communities and then change the format to view different aspects of each community. This would help children understand some of the geographic factors for each community

Saskatchewan Tourism: [www.sasktourism.com](http://www.sasktourism.com). Children can click on Fun and Free to find Kids Corner, which includes colouring pages, quick facts, and links to other information.

The Weather Network: [www.weathernetwork.ca](http://www.weathernetwork.ca). This site gives current weather conditions for anywhere in Canada.

## Literature Links

Bannatyne-Cugnet, Jo. *A Prairie Alphabet*. Montreal, QC: Tundra, 1994. This book offers both adults and children a remarkable tour of the Prairies showing, through incredible illustrations, that life on the flat prairie is far from dull.

Bouchard, David. *If You're Not from the Prairie...* New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, 1998. A poem with beautiful images of the Saskatchewan prairie.

Brown, Jeff. *Flat Stanley*. Toronto, ON: HarperCollins, 2004. When Stanley is squashed flat by a bulletin board, he visits friends by travelling in an envelope.

Grassby, Donna. *A Seaside Alphabet*. Toronto, ON: Tundra, 2000. With beautiful illustrations of Northern Atlantic coastal scenes and accompanying alliterative phrases, this popular alphabet book invites readers to ferret out objects, colours, and slogans that match each page's letter.  
Harrison, Ted. *A Northern Alphabet*. Montreal, QC: Tundra Books, 1989. Colourful illustrations show scenes of the North.

Kusugak, Michael A. *Baseball Bats for Christmas*. Willowdale, ON: Annick Press, 1993. This story of resourceful children in Repulse Bay who turn Christmas trees into baseball bats provides insight into the way of life in the North.

Kusugak, Michael A. *Hide and Sneak*. Willowdale, ON: Annick Press, 1992. A little girl gets lost playing hide-and-seek and finds her way home with the help of an *inuksugaq* (or *inuksuk*)

Wilson, Budge. *A Fiddle for Angus*. Toronto, ON: Tundra Books, 2001. Angus, who lives in a Cape Breton village near the sea, works hard to learn how to play an instrument so he can join his family's orchestra.

## Chapter 1: Come and See!

### Set Up Learning Experiences

#### Literature Links

Bowers, Vivien. *Wow, Canada!* Toronto, ON: Owl Books, 1999. This engaging travel book, written as the journal of a 12-year-old boy, chronicles the provinces he and his family visit as they cross Canada. It includes maps, illustrations, slides, and information about cities and sights, historical and cultural tips, food, and trivia.

Kurelek, William. *A Prairie Boy's Summer*. Montreal, QC: Tundra Books, 1975. Kurelek's beautiful illustrations show a Prairie boy's life in the summer during the Depression.

Kurelek, William. *A Prairie Boy's Winter*. Montreal, QC: Tundra Books, 1973. This book portrays

life on the Prairies in winter as seen through the eyes of a boy.

Major, Kevin. *Eh? to Zed: A Canadian Abecedarium*. Red Deer, AB: Red Deer Press, 2000. A humorous rhyming book of Canadian information, contemporary and historical, illustrated with colourful images.

Ulmer, Mike. *M is for Maple: A Canadian Alphabet*. Chelsea, MI: Sleeping Bear Press, 2001. Each letter of the alphabet is represented by a name or word derived from some aspect of Canada, and each word is presented in a rhyme and further explained in a note.

## **Ready–Set–Go!**

### **Web Sites**

Journey to the Top of the World: <http://www.journalism.uts.edu.au>. This Web site has higher-level reading but an excellent hourly photo spread of the sun in summer.

Tutorial on Earth/Sun Relations and Seasons:  
<http://daphne.palomar.edu/jthorngren/tutorial.htm>. This site has an animated earth travelling around the sun.

Guide to Arctic Sunrise and Sunset: <http://www.athropolis.com/sun-fr.htm>. This site shows daily information on how much sunlight to expect in the Arctic.

## **Literature Links**

George, Jean Craighead. *Arctic Son*. New York, NY: Hyperion Books, 1997. The seasons of the Arctic are presented through the eyes of a young boy.

Hobbie, Holly. *Toot & Puddle*. Boston, MA: Little, Brown & Co., 1997. A little pig named Toot likes to travel and send postcards to his best friend, Puddle. After having great adventures that he writes about in his postcards, he comes home with souvenirs of his travels.

Joose, Barbara M. *Mama, Do You Love Me?* San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2001. This Inuit story set in the North tells about a mother's love. It contains explanations of the things mentioned in the story.

Vaage, Carol. *Bibi and the Bull*. Red Deer, AB: Red Deer College Press, 1999. A charming story of love between a girl and her grandpa and of the little girl's courage in the midst of danger on the farm.

## **Bays, Rivers, and Lakes**

### **Web Sites**

Environment Canada:  
[http://weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca/canada\\_e.html](http://weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca/canada_e.html). Children can click on a community to get a report of current weather, yesterday's weather, a five-day forecast, and weather norms for the period.

Enchanted Learning:  
[www.enchantedlearning.com/geography/landforms/glossaryprintable.shtml](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/geography/landforms/glossaryprintable.shtml). A simple, printable, illustrated glossary of landforms. There are also several links for more information.

Natural Resources Canada:  
<http://atlas.gc.ca/site/index.html>. Searching the site for snowfall will bring up a map of Canada showing different ranges of snowfall.

## **Literature Links**

Booth, David. *The Dust Bowl*. Toronto, ON: Kids Can Press, 1997. A little boy listens to his grandfather tell about life on the farm during a drought on the Prairies.

### Resource Links

Gibbons, Gail. *The Reasons for Seasons*. New York, NY: Holiday House, 1996. This book explains the seasons in child-friendly language.

Gibbons, Gail. *Weather Words and What They Mean*. New York, NY: Holiday House, 1992. This book explains the weather in child-friendly language.

Locker, Thomas. *Water Dance*. San Diego, CA: Harcourt, 2002. This poetic introduction to one of nature's most basic elements includes factual information on the water cycle, storm clouds, mist, and rainbows.

## Chapter 2: Communities and the Land

### Set Up Learning Experiences

#### Web Sites

Replica Kayaks: Canada:

[www.traditionalkayaks.com](http://www.traditionalkayaks.com). Click on the thumbnails on Harvey Golden's site to see many good pictures of a variety of different kayak styles.

Mi'kmaq Indian Fact Sheet:

[http://www.geocities.com/bigorrin/mikmaq\\_kids.htm](http://www.geocities.com/bigorrin/mikmaq_kids.htm). The site offers a Facts for Kids section that is designed for children working on school or home-school reports.

Métis Settlements General Council: <http://www.msgc.ca>. Details the many Métis settlements in Alberta, their culture, and industries.

### Literature Links

Burton, Virginia L. *The Little House*. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin, 2002. A house experiences changes over time, from being inhabited by settlers to being part of a modern city.

Laurence, Margaret. *The Olden Days Coat*. Toronto, ON: Tundra Books, 2004. In this story, a 10-year-old girl explores her grandma's attic and tries on a coat that transports her back in time to when her grandma was 10. This book could easily be used as a prompt for writing about the early days in one of the specific communities.

Pryor, Bonnie. *The House on Maple Street*. New York, NY: William Morrow & Co., 1992. This story traces back 300 years to tell how civilization came to one backyard: a First Nations child loses an arrowhead, a pioneer child loses a china cup, and two modern-day girls dig up both artifacts in their garden at 107 Maple Street.

### Resource Links

Cherry, Lynne. *A River Ran Wild: An Environmental History*. San Diego, CA: Harcourt, 2002. This non-fiction book is an excellent story that incorporates the environmental theme in telling about a community built around a river and how it changed over time.

## Early Days: Iqaluit

### Literature Links

Dabovich, Lydia. *The Polar Bear Son: An Inuit Tale*. New York, NY: Clarion Books, 1997. This traditional Inuit tale tells of an old woman who takes in an orphan polar bear. Highway,

Tomson. *Caribou Song*. Toronto, ON: HarperCollins, 2001. In Northern Manitoba, two Aboriginal boys have a “magical” adventure with caribou.

Kusugak, Michael A. *My Arctic 1, 2, 3*. Toronto, ON: Annick Press, 1996. This is a counting book about the animals in Rankin Inlet that looks at numbers and items from the Arctic. Inuit language symbols appear at the bottom of each page. The last few pages give information about the Arctic and the way life was for Michael Kusugak and his family.

Nicolai, Margaret. *Kitaaq Goes Ice Fishing*. Portland, OR: Alaska Northwest Books, 2002. A modern-day child carries on the long-lived tradition of ice fishing with his grandfather.

Owens, Mary Beth. *A Caribou Alphabet*. New York, NY: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1990. From “A” for antlers to “Z” for below zero degrees, this rhyming book could be used for information or as a springboard for patterning.

## Resource Links

Shemie, Bonnie. *Houses of Snow, Skin and Bones*. Toronto, ON: McClelland & Stewart, 1993. One of a series of architecture books for children. Includes descriptions and illustrations of four types of Arctic homes.

## Early Days: Meteghan

### Web Sites

Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites:

<http://www.cyndislist.com/novascot.htm#Records>. A search for passenger lists will bring up a list of ships bringing settlers to Nova Scotia in the mid-1700s. The lists are not all organized the same way, but you can find information such as names, age, place of origin, and occupation.

Archeology in Nova Scotia:

[www.museum.gov.ns.ca/arch/acadia.htm](http://www.museum.gov.ns.ca/arch/acadia.htm). The site shows paintings that depict early Acadian life and work based on archeological evidence.

## Literature Links

Johnston, Tony. *The Quilt Story*. New York, NY: Putnam, 1985. A little girl moves far away to a new home, where everything is new and unfamiliar, except her quilt.

Wolfe, Frances. *Where I Live*. Toronto, ON: Tundra Books, 2001. This wonderfully illustrated book based on the Nova Scotia seaside could be used as the basis for a discussion about the past and present.

## Resource Links

Neering, Rosemary. *Life in Acadia*. Toronto, ON: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 1976. This is a great resource for teachers.

## Early Days: Saskatoon

### Web Sites

Discovery School: Puzzlemaker:

<http://puzzlemaker.school.discovery.com>. Children can create their own word puzzles following the steps. They may need help with some instructions.

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.

### Literature Links

Coerr, Eleanor. *The Josefina Story Quilt*. Toronto, ON: HarperCollins Canada, 1989. A pioneer family journeys west, and the daughter makes a quilt as a diary of their adventures.

Reynolds, Marilyn. *Belle's Journey*. Victoria, BC: Orca Book Publishers, 2002. This story of a prairie girl and her relationship with her horse paints a vivid picture of prairie winters.

Reynolds, Marilyn. *The New Land: A First Year on the Prairie*. Custer, WA: Orca Book Publishers, 1999. This is a story about a family who leaves home, travels across the ocean, and starts a prairie farm.

Reynolds, Marilyn. *The Prairie Fire*. Custer, WA: Orca Book Publishers, 2001. A prairie boy on a homestead wants to contribute to and help his family.

Trottier, Maxine. *Prairie Willow*. Toronto, ON: Stoddart, 2000. A family homesteading on the Prairies plants a willow tree, which becomes a marker for them.

Waterton, Betty. *Pettranella*. Toronto, ON: Groundwood Books, 2003. A young girl leaves her grandmother in the "old country" and travels to Canada to homestead.

### Resource Links

Keywan, Zonia. *Greater Than Kings: Ukrainian Pioneer Settlement in Canada*. Montreal, QC: Harvest House, 1977. The story of the first 25 years of Ukrainian homesteaders in Canada, told through interviews, personal accounts, historical facts, and black-and-white photos.

## Chapter 3: Daily Life

### Set Up Learning Experiences

#### Web Sites

Epals.com:

<http://www.epals.com>. It is easy to link to other teachers/classes with this excellent site. You can specify where you would like to find a class.

Inuit Throat-Singing:

[www.stuff.co.uk/media/polar-relay/inuit.html](http://www.stuff.co.uk/media/polar-relay/inuit.html). You can listen to Kate Pretty's recordings of Inuit throat-singing. There are also downloadable wave files available.

National Post: Best of Summer:

[www.canada.com/national/features/bestofsummer/story.html?id=25D6B3B7-8D71-412C-93EF-57A9F6C010C9](http://www.canada.com/national/features/bestofsummer/story.html?id=25D6B3B7-8D71-412C-93EF-57A9F6C010C9). An article by Miriam Hill detailing a summer in Iqaluit and how families enjoy the long days and snowless ground.

Welcome to Iqaluit:

<http://www.city.iqaluit.nu.ca>. Photos and extensive information about life in Iqaluit.

Eco-Online: Nova Scotia:

This is Our Home: Acadians of Nova Scotia:

[www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm/virtual/acadians/archives.asp?ID=13&Language=](http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm/virtual/acadians/archives.asp?ID=13&Language=). A photo of La Vieille Maison.

Our Languages:

[www.sicc.sk.ca/heritage/sils/ourlanguages/woodland/soundsystem/alphabet.html](http://www.sicc.sk.ca/heritage/sils/ourlanguages/woodland/soundsystem/alphabet.html).

The alphabets, along with pronunciation guides, for various Cree dialects.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress: About Ukrainians in Saskatchewan:

[www.ucc.sk.ca/about.htm](http://www.ucc.sk.ca/about.htm). This page covers Ukrainian immigration to Saskatchewan, language, culture and customs, holidays and celebrations, education and occupations, and cultural activities.

## Literature Links

Bannatyne-Cugnet, Jo. *A Prairie Alphabet*. Montreal, QC: Tundra Books, 1994. This book offers both adults and children a remarkable tour of the Prairies showing, through incredible illustrations, that life on the flat Prairie is far from dull.

Hundal, Nancy. *Prairie Summer*. Toronto, ON: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 1999. This poetic story, which is best read aloud to the class, is about two cousins from the city who spend the summer with their grandmother on the Prairies. The language emphasizes the sounds, smells, and sights of the Prairies.

Jam, Teddy. *The Fishing Summer*. Toronto, ON: Groundwood/Douglas & McIntyre, 1997. This is a touching story about daily life in a coastal community and its dependence on the sea.

Kusugak, Michael A. *My Arctic 1, 2, 3*. Toronto, ON: Annick Press, 1996. This is a counting book about the animals in Rankin Inlet that looks at numbers and items from the Arctic. Inuit language symbols appear at the bottom of each page. The last few pages give information about the Arctic and the way life was for Michael Kusugak and his family.

Kusugak, Michael A. *Northern Lights: The Soccer Trails*. Toronto, ON: Annick Press, 1993. This book encompasses traditions of the North, the language of the area, recreational activities, and the environment. In this story, a little girl who loses her mother to illness is reassured when told the Inuit tale about the stars being people's spirits.

McFarlane, Sheryl. *Waiting for the Whales*. Victoria, BC: Orca Book Publishers, 1998. A grandfather teaches his granddaughter how to identify trees, plant seeds, and, most especially, how to spot the Orca whales. The story highlights the Inuit tradition of learning from one's elders.

McGugan, Jim. *Josepha: A Prairie Boy's Story*. Red Deer, AB: Red Deer College Press, 1994. This story is about a boy in the early 1900s who forms a friendship with an immigrant boy who doesn't speak English.

## Letter from Iqaluit

### Resource Links

Fanelli, Sara. *My Map Book*. New York, NY: HarperCollins, 1995. This colourful and imaginative picture book has a variety of maps that look at daily life from a child's perspective.

## Unit 2: Looking at People

### Starting Up

#### CD-ROMs and Software

Aglukark, Susan. *This Child*. EMI Music Canada, 1995. This CD has songs in English and Inuktitut. "Hina Na Ho" is a song celebrating surviving the winter.

MacMaster, Natalie. *My Roots Are Showing*. Scarborough, ON: Warner Music Canada, 2000.

Traditional Fiddle Music of Cape Breton Island.

*Fiddler on the Roof: 30th Anniversary Edition*. Capitol Records, 2001. This is the original movie soundtrack digitally remastered. It contains a song called "Traditions" that deals with traditional roles of family members in a Jewish community.

The Kubasonics. *Miaso*. Self-published, 1999. This CD has a wonderful mixture of Ukrainian singing and instruments. The CD insert has pictures and descriptions of many traditional instruments.

*The Acadia CD-ROM*, National Film Board of Canada, 1999. Produced by Portage Technologies Inc. This CD-ROM combines historical footage, animation, and audio folktales. It covers the histories of every Acadian region in North America, divided into History of Acadia, Voyage Through Acadia, and Culture and Traditions.

*Kidspiration*®. Portland, OR: Inspiration, 2001: [www.inspiration.com](http://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

*A Kid's View of Canada*. Montreal, QC: National Film Board of Canada, 1998. 28 minutes. A nine-year-old boy travels across Canada and asks other nine-year-olds probing questions such as, Do you think all Canadian children are the same as you? Who are some famous Canadians that you know? Do you think that Canada acts like a family?

*Children of Canada 3*. Montreal, QC: National Film Board, 1987. 51 minutes. A story on this video called "It's Just Better" is about a child from Cape Breton. There are three videos in this series. Each has three stories introducing children of varied backgrounds, cultures, and lifestyles who live in divergent regions of Canada. They encourage both an appreciation of the similarities and a respect for the differences. The video *Children of Canada* has a collection of all nine titles.

*Luchak's Easter*, Montreal, QC: National Film Board of Canada, 1978. 26 minutes. Produced by the National Museum of Man. This tape is about Ukrainian Easter traditions and ceremonies.

*Northern Games*. Montreal, QC: National Film Board of Canada, 1981. 25 minutes. Director and producer, Ken Buck. This film is about traditional games of the Inuit, describing the skills required, the traditions behind them, and the spirit of co-operation as opposed to competition that inspires the participants.

## Web Sites

Flags of All Countries:

<http://www.geographic.org/flags>. Children can scroll through the list and click to see the flags of their choice. Note that the Nunavut flag is under the Canada listing, not under the "Ns".

Susan Aglukark:

[www.susanaglukark.com/](http://www.susanaglukark.com/). A biography of Aglukark and a list of her recordings.

National Library of Canada and National Archives of Canada: Read Up on It:

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/read-up-on-it/index-e.html>. This site promotes Canadian children's literature with a focus on multiculturalism. They also have links to Aboriginal legends and Canadian history.

Native Peoples' Flags: <http://www.tmealf.com/DH/>. This site by Don Healey gives a sampler of the flags used by Aboriginal peoples in North America.

Grand Dérangement:

[www.grandderangement.com/](http://www.grandderangement.com/). Gives a thorough history of the group and its musical stylings. Has a list of albums, lyrics, tour dates, and a photo gallery of the group in action.

Acadian, Cajun, French-Canadian Music: La Bonne Chanson: [www.terriau.org/music.htm](http://www.terriau.org/music.htm). Samples and lyrics of Acadian music.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada: Ukraine Cultural Profiles Project:

[www.settlement.org/cp/english/ukraine/index.html](http://www.settlement.org/cp/english/ukraine/index.html). This site gives detailed descriptions of all aspects of Ukrainian life including holidays, food, family life, and history. It also lists Ukrainian-Canadians who have made a significant contribution to our country.

Lastiwka:

[www.lastiwka.ca](http://www.lastiwka.ca). This site has audio clips of a Ukrainian choir called Lastiwka, which is mentioned in the Mini-Textbook.

Brama Gateway Ukraine: Arts and Culture:

[www.brama.com/art/traditions.html](http://www.brama.com/art/traditions.html). An excellent site that gives detailed descriptions of Ukrainian Christmas and Easter celebrations and traditions, recipes, music, literature, and language. You can also find pictures of traditional clothing and pysanky in the Image Gallery.

Athropolis: <http://www.athropolis.com/links/inuit.htm>. Links to articles about Inuit culture and history.

Images Canada: [www.imagescanada.ca/r1-220-e.html](http://www.imagescanada.ca/r1-220-e.html). This site provides access to images from many Canadian cultural institutions including images of the Canadian events, people, places, and things that make up our collective heritage.

Foreignword.com: The Language Site: <http://www.foreignword.com/>. Online dictionaries, including English, Ukrainian, and French.

National Library of Canada: Dictionary of Canadian Biography Online:

<http://www.biographi.ca/index-e.html>. Biographies of Canadians who played important roles in Canada's formation.

## **Kits**

*I Am Canadian*—Inuit Edukit.

*I Am Canadian*—Acadian Edukit.

*I Am Canadian*—Ukrainian Edukit.

Hands-on kits with teacher's resource manual and student activities that focus on the games and art of the respective peoples. The kits are available for a rental fee from the Provincial Museum of Alberta, 12845-102 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5N 0M6. Phone: (780) 453-9131. Fax: (780) 454-6629. [www.pma.edmonton.ab.ca](http://www.pma.edmonton.ab.ca).

## **Literature Links**

Eber, Dorothy H. *Pitseolak: Pictures Out of My Life*. Montreal, QC: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2003. The reading level of this book is high. However, it is a unique book for Inuit people. The English and Inuktitut text and drawings give insight into the Inuit life.

Harrison, Ted. *Children of the Yukon*. Montreal, QC: Tundra Books, 1984. Harrison's vivid and colourful art are powerful in this simple book that depicts Arctic life.

Kurelek, William. *A Prairie Boy's Summer*. Montreal, QC: Tundra Books, 1975. Kurelek's beautiful illustrations show a prairie boy's life in the summer during the Depression.

Kurelek, William. *A Prairie Boy's Winter*. Montreal, QC: Tundra Books, 1973. This book portrays life on the Prairies in winter as seen through the eyes of a boy.

Ripley, Dale, and Roderick Brooks. *Culture: Canada Up Close*. Edmonton, AB: Plains Publishing Inc., 1993. This book is a little dated and created for an older grade, but it has stories about six children from across Canada and their culture in relation to their family, community, nation, and world.

## **Chapter 1: Inuit, Acadians, and Ukrainians**

### **Set Up Learning Experiences**

#### **Web Sites**

ExploreNorth:

[www.explorenorth.com/library/weekly/more/NunavutFlag.htm](http://www.explorenorth.com/library/weekly/more/NunavutFlag.htm). An explanation of the symbolism of the Nunavut flag and coat of arms.

Sun's Drum: [www.sunsdrum.com/](http://www.sunsdrum.com/). Information about the throat-singing group, The Sun's Drum.  
Nunatsiaq News: Iqaluit wants to graduate to city status:

[www.nunatsiaq.com/archives/nunavut000230/nvt20204\\_14.html](http://www.nunatsiaq.com/archives/nunavut000230/nvt20204_14.html). This article details the paths taken to change Iqaluit from town to capital city.

Qikiqtani Inuit Association: Iqaluit: [www.qia.ca](http://www.qia.ca). Gives a detailed history and development of Iqaluit, and details its status as capital city.

Jean-Mandé Sigogne: <http://www.biographi.ca/009004-119.01-e.php?Bioid=37784>. Biographical information on Jean-Mandé Sigogne.

Iliad Productions:

<http://www.infoukes.com/iliad/demo.html>. An interactive game to teach about the Ukrainian language and culture through The Mitten story. The sample game involves learning colours in Ukrainian. (It requires the Shockwave plug-in to play the demo.)

### **Literature Links**

Brett, Jan. *The Mitten: a Ukrainian Folktale*. New York, NY: Putnam, 1996. This wonderfully illustrated book tells a simple version of a traditional Ukrainian tale.

Douglas, Ann. *The Family Tree Detective: Cracking the Case of Your Family's Story*. Toronto, ON: Owl Books, 1999. This book offers many suggestions for projects regarding genealogy.

Wolfman, Ira. *Climbing Your Family Tree*. New York, NY: Workman Publishing, 2001. This book has many ideas for learning more about family histories, both off and online.

### **The Inuit of Iqaluit/**

### **The Acadians of Meteghan/**

### **The Ukrainians of Saskatoon**

#### **Web Sites**

Fun Inuit Activities:

<http://www.kativik.qc.ca/ulluriaq/cultures/activities/index.htm>. Photos and descriptions of activities a Grade 5 class held.

## Literature Links

Crampton, William. *Flag*. Eyewitness Books Series. London, England: Dorling Kindersley, 2000. This Eyewitness book has visual appeal as it shows the history of flags and flags of all nations.

Owens, Ann-Maureen, and Jane Yealland. *Canada's Maple Leaf: The Story of Our Flag*. Toronto, ON: Kids Can Press, 1999. This excellent resource tells the history of Canada's flag, the first flags, and current flags that fly over the provinces.

Wallace, Mary. *The Inuksuk Book*. Toronto, ON: Maple Tree Press, 2004. The author provides both a historical and current context for these signposts. Photographs and paintings add interest to the book. It includes a glossary and instructions for constructing an inuksuk.

## Profiles from Iqaluit/Meteghan/Saskatoon

### Web Sites

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada:

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ap/ss/index-eng.asp>. Profiles of Aboriginal people who have made a difference.

## Resource Links

Trottier, Maxine. *Canadian Greats*. Scholastic Canada Biographies Series. Markham, ON: Scholastic, 2003. Scholastic has published a series of four books that present the true stories of significant people in Canada's development, past and present. They are designed for seven- to nine-year-olds to read independently.

Trottier, Maxine. *Canadian Inventors*. Scholastic Canada Biographies Series. Markham, ON: Scholastic, 2004.

Trottier, Maxine. *Canadian Pioneers*. Scholastic Canada Biographies Series. Markham, ON: Scholastic, 2003.

Trottier, Maxine. *Canadian Stars*. Scholastic Canada Biographies Series. Markham, ON: Scholastic, 2004.

## Chapter 2: Remembering Traditions

### Set Up Learning Experiences

#### Web Sites

Innu Nation: Spirituality Among the Inuit and Innu of Labrador:

[http://www.innu.ca/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=8&Itemid=3&lang=en](http://www.innu.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8&Itemid=3&lang=en). This site goes into great detail about the beliefs of the Inuit and Innu peoples. Do a search for "newborn" to find the discussion of traditional Inuit naming practices and how they have changed in modern times.

Windows to the Universe: Inuit Mythology:

[www.windows.ucar.edu/cgi-bin/tour\\_def/mythology/inuit\\_culture.html](http://www.windows.ucar.edu/cgi-bin/tour_def/mythology/inuit_culture.html). Three myths—about the sun, the moon, and the sea—are told in versions suited to three reading levels.

Civilization.ca: Threads of the Land:

<http://www.civilization.ca/cmc/whats-on/event-detail&EventId=136> Brief historical information about Inuit clothing and photos of contemporary clothes.

Inuit Art: Kenojuak Ashevak:

[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/women/002026-500-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/women/002026-500-e.html). A gallery of some of Kenojuak

Ashevak's art, with links to many other sites.

Canadian Museum of Civilization: Treasures Gallery: Inuit Parkas:

<http://www.civilization.ca/tresors/treasure/262eng.html>

Le galerie Comeau:

<http://lagaleriecomeau.com>. Information about the artist and photos of her art.

Ukrainian Traditions: [www.brama.com/art/easter.html#holydays](http://www.brama.com/art/easter.html#holydays). An explanation of various Easter traditions in the Ukraine.

Ukrainian Project:

<http://ukrainianproject.com>. Information on Ukrainian folk art, focusing particularly on pysanky and wood carving.

Library and Archives Canada:

<http://epe.lac-bac.gc.ca/100/206/301/lac-bac/explorers/www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/explorers/index-e.html>.

Information on Roald Amundsen's exploration of Canada's Northwest Passage.

## Literature Links

Eyvindson, Peter. *The Missing Sun*. Winnipeg, MB: Pemmican Publications, 1993. When Emily and her mother move to Inuvik, her mother tells her that the sun will disappear for many days. Emily receives different explanations—her mother explains that the earth is tilted, while her friend Josie says Raven has stolen the sun.

Kusugak, Michael A. *Baseball Bats for Christmas*. Willowdale, ON: Annick Press, 1993. This story of resourceful children in Repulse Bay who turn Christmas trees into baseball bats provides insight into the way of life in the North.

Sabuda, Robert. *The Blizzard's Robe*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, 1999. This folktale about the People Who Fear the Winter Night tells how the great feared Blizzard has its robe destroyed by a spark from the fire of a young girl named Teune, who is sad to see the robe lost and sets out to make amends.

Sheldon, Dyan. *The Whales' Song*. Toronto, ON: Penguin Books, 1997. Poetic, rhythmic text tells the story of the mysterious songs of the whales and how a little girl named Lilly waits for the day that they will come to her.

Munsch, Robert, and Michael Kusugak. *A Promise is a Promise*. Toronto, ON: Annick Press, 1995. This story is based on Inuit tradition. It is the story of the Qallupilluit, imaginary Inuit creatures, like trolls, who reportedly grab children when they come too near the cracks in the ice on the Hudson Bay.

## Traditions

### Web Sites

Just So Stories:

<http://www.boop.org/jan/justso/> (copies of the stories) and <http://wiredforbooks.org/kipling/> (audio versions of the stories)..

## Literature Links

Cleaver, Elizabeth. *The Enchanted Caribou*. New York, NY: Atheneum, 1985. An Inuit tale about why they treat the white caribou with respect and kindness. A great shadow puppet activity accompanies this.

Dabcovich, Lydia. *The Polar Bear Son: An Inuit Tale*. New York, NY: Clarion Books, 1997. This traditional Inuit tale tells of an old woman who takes in an orphan polar bear.

Polacco, Patricia. *Rechenka's Eggs*. New York, NY: Putnam and Grosset, 1996. An injured goose rescued by Babushka, lays a miracle pysanka egg.

Say, Allen. *Grandfather's Journey*. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin, 1993. This compelling story describing a family's unique cross-cultural experience recalls a grandfather's life in America and Japan.

## Other Cultures

### Web Sites

Canada Project: Multiculturalism:

<http://www.canadaproject.ecsd.net/multiculturalism.htm>. A Canadian kindergarten teacher describes the research and activities that her class carried out in their study of Canadian multiculturalism.

Natural Resources Canada: <http://atlas.gc.ca/site/english/index.html>. By searching under Aboriginal, Métis, or Inuit, you will find lists and corresponding maps of places where these groups live.

Civilization.ca: Storytelling, The Art of Knowledge:

<http://www.civilization.ca/cmcc/exhibitions/aborig/storytel/introeng.shtml>. Stories and images of various Canadian Aboriginal peoples.

Canadian Encyclopedia Online: Joseph Bernier:

<http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?PgNm=TCE&Params=J1ARTJ0000701> . Brief biographical information about Joseph Bernier.

Mural Routes: [http://www.muralroutes.com/towns/legal/en\\_murals.htm](http://www.muralroutes.com/towns/legal/en_murals.htm). A photo of a mural in Legal, Alberta.

## Chapter 3: Sharing Traditions

### Set Up Learning Experiences

#### Web Sites

Canku Ota:

[www.turtletrack.org/Issues04/Co05222004/CO\\_05222004\\_ToonikTyme.htm](http://www.turtletrack.org/Issues04/Co05222004/CO_05222004_ToonikTyme.htm). A news story and photos of the 2004 Toonik Tyme.

Arctic Winter Games: <http://arcticwintergames.org> . Links to articles about the Arctic Winter Games..

Renewing a Beacon in the North: <http://letsgotochurch.ncf.ca/arcticbishops.html>. Information and images on the proposed expansion of St. Jude's Anglican Church.

Congrès Mondial Acadien: Acadian Traditions: [www.cma2009.ca](http://www.cma2009.ca). This site has information on numerous Acadian traditional feast days and festivities. Each one has a detailed description and most include traditional recipes for that celebration. Acadian history and culture is covered under "Acadie of the World." In "Culture" you'll find "Symbols of Acadie," which includes their flag and coat of arms.

Yevshan: [www.yevshan.ca](http://www.yevshan.ca). Information about the Yevshan Ukrainian Folk Ballet Ensemble.

William Kurelek: [www.ukrweekly.com](http://www.ukrweekly.com). A book review of a biography of William Kurelek.

## Literature Links

Kalman, Bobbie. *Celebrating the Powwow*. Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON: Crabtree Publishing Co., 1997. Excellent photos as First Nations people gather to share their cultures.

L

unn, Janet. *Come to the Fair*. Toronto, ON: Tundra Books, 2001. This story is about a country fair with a parade and celebrations.

Trottier, Maxine. *Dreamstones*. Toronto, ON: Stoddart, 2001. A young boy accompanies his father on a long sea voyage from England to the Arctic, where he learns about *inuksuks*.

Wallace, Mary. *Make Your Own Inuksuk*. Maple Tree Press (Wow Canada!), 2001. Provides step-by-step instructions and history behind the traditional Inuit inuksuk.

## Celebrations and Festivals

### Literature Links

Bouchard, David. *The Song Within My Heart*. Vancouver, BC: Raincoast Books, 2002. The story takes one of the characters to a powwow, where his grandmother teaches him the importance of sharing culture by passing on stories from one generation to the next.

Kindersley, Barnabas, and Anabel Kindersley. *Celebrations! Children Just Like Me Series*. New York, NY: DK Publishing Inc., 1997. This collection of celebrations from around the world is organized in a calendar setup to help students explore various cultures.

Uegaki, Chieri. *Suki's Kimono*. Toronto, ON: Kids Can Press, 2003. A first-grader wears a kimono and clogs on the first day of school. The outfit transports her back to a street festival where the taiko drumming makes her feel "like she'd swallowed a ball of thunder."

## Artists and Performers

### Web Sites

Siqiniup Qilauta:

<http://www.sunsdrum.com/>. History and background information on the group Siqiniup Qilauta, including bios of the performers.

Lastiwka: [www.lastiwka.ca](http://www.lastiwka.ca)

Sound clips of Ukrainian music.

Grou Tyme:

<http://www.mekkerfest.com/Nova/14Halifax21.html>. A brief history of the Acadians and images of the annual Acadian Festival called Grou Tyme.

## Unit 3: Looking at Work

### Starting Up

#### Books

Kalman, Bobbie. *Canada: the Land*. New York, NY: Crabtree Publishing Co., 2002.

Describes the geography, natural resources, trade and industry, cities, people, transportation, agriculture, and environment of Canada.

#### Web Sites

Natural Resources Canada:

[www.nrcan.gc.ca](http://www.nrcan.gc.ca). This excellent site from the Canadian government has many worthwhile links. Click on the NR Cat's Kids' Site. Once inside, click on the following four links:

1. Science and Technology: You'll be able to view an animated video showing how diamonds have been formed in Nunavut over millions of years.
2. Nature and Environment: Minerals and Metals/Take the Tour—students can click on everyday objects to learn what materials they are made from.
3. Parents and Teachers: an animated video about Canada's minerals and metals.
4. Games and Quizzes: excellent activities for students and links to Canadian Wildlife Services, which have more activities for students.

Missouri Botanical Garden:

<http://mbgnet.mobot.org/>. This site is from Missouri but has some easily accessible information about different biomes.

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qaluit:

[www.arctic.uoguelph.ca](http://www.arctic.uoguelph.ca). This site is excellent for students to learn more about Canada's polar life and environment.

## CDs

*Evergreen Everblue*. Recorded by Raffi. Willowdale, ON: Troubadour/MCA, 1990. This children's CD has many songs about the environment.

## Literature Links

Paulsen, Gary. *Work Song*. San Diego: Harcourt Brace & Co., 1997. An absolutely beautiful book with rich illustrations and rhyming text depicting people doing all kinds of work. "It is people here and people there, making things for all to share..."

## Chapter 1: Working with Natural Resources

### Literature Links

Jam, Teddy. *The Fishing Summer*. Vancouver, BC: Douglas & McIntyre, 1997. This story helps children understand how the environment affects fishing as an eight-year-old boy visits his uncles in a village on the Atlantic coast.

Pallotta, Jerry. *Going Lobstering*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 1990. This is an excellent book that offers detailed information on lobstering through a story about two children on their first lobstering expedition.

Taylor, Cora. *Out on the Prairie: A Canadian Counting Book*. Markham, ON: North Winds Press/Scholastic, 2002. This simple book is based on an adaptation of the "Over in the Meadow" song. It gives information about Prairie wildlife.

Wallace, Ian. *Boy of the Deeps*. Toronto: Douglas & McIntyre, 2005. This story will give the students an appreciation of how natural resources were mined in the past. They will meet James, the son of a coal miner, and learn of his adventures in the mines of Cape Breton.

## Resource Links

Bannatyne-Cugnet, Jo. *Heartland: A Prairie Sampler*. Toronto, ON: Tundra Books, 2002. Excellent description of the land, people, crops, and wildlife are interspersed with incredible illustrations.

Butterfield, Moira. *Animals in Cold Places*. Austin, TX: Raintree Steck-Vaughn, 2000. This book has simple descriptions and great photos of some animals that live in the north, such as the polar bear, snowy owl, Arctic fox, beluga whale, and emperor penguin.

Chinery, Michael. *Questions and Answers About Polar Animals*. New York, NY: Kingfisher Books, 1994. The layout of this book will appeal to students. The information is presented in a variety of

ways.

Cooper, Jason. *Fishing Boats*. Vero Beach, FL: Rourke, 1999. This simple picture book has information on a variety of fishing boats, from commercial fishing boats to sport fishing boats.

Glassman, Jackie, *Amazing Arctic Animals*. New York, NY: Grosset & Dunlap, 2002. This book describes the appearance and behaviour of some Arctic animals, including the polar bear, Arctic fox, and caribou.

Johnson, Rebecca. *A Walk in the Prairie*. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, 2001. This book is part of the Biomes of North America Series, and through it children will learn about all aspects of the prairie and how wildlife is interconnected and reliant on the environment to survive.

Leroux-Hugon, Helene. *I Can Draw Polar Animals*. Milwaukee, WI: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2001. For each animal there are three simple drawing steps. Factual information is also presented.

## Web Sites

Arctic Art Sales: Inuit Art from Canada III:

[www.arcticartsales.com/galleryIII\\_ca.html](http://www.arcticartsales.com/galleryIII_ca.html). Explains the carving materials used by the Inuit and how they are used. Includes many beautiful photos of carvings and jewellery made by Inuit artists. There are also a few soapstone carvings so you can compare them with the serpentine that is most often used by the Inuit.

Department of Economic Development: Government of Nunavut:

<http://www.edt.gov.nu.ca/lookupnunavut/NEF.htm>

Information on the components of Nunavut's economy, including parks and tourism, fishing, sealing, minerals, and wildlife.

Minimidimaxi Magazine: Nunavut—Seal as a Way of Life:

[www.minimidimaxi.com/editorials/Canadian\\_fashion/Ready\\_to\\_Wear/fall2002/Nunavut/index.shtml](http://www.minimidimaxi.com/editorials/Canadian_fashion/Ready_to_Wear/fall2002/Nunavut/index.shtml). Gives an overview of the Inuit sealing industry and the Inuit's re-entrance into the world fur market. There are also some photos of Inuit clothing designs using sealskins.

Natural Resources Canada: Diamond:

<http://www.nrcan-rncan.gc.ca/mms-smm/busi-indu/dpn-npd-eng.htm>. Information on Canada's diamond mines.

Saskatchewan Industry and Resources: Saskatchewan Facts: [www.ir.gov.sk.ca](http://www.ir.gov.sk.ca). This site covers all of Saskatchewan's natural resources, agricultural projects, the synchrotron, and tourism.

Government of Alberta: Mining in Alberta: [www.energy.gov.ab.ca/minerals/1084.asp](http://www.energy.gov.ab.ca/minerals/1084.asp). Has a good overview of the mining industry in Alberta, past, present, and future.

## Natural Resources in Iqaluit/Meteghan/Saskatoon Resource Links

The *Hello Canada* Series:

Hancock, Lyn. *Nunavut*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publications Co., 1997.

Richardson, Gillian. *Saskatchewan*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publications Co., 2000.

Thompson, Alexa. *Nova Scotia*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publications Co., 1998.

This series has a book on each province and territory. Each has an excellent chapter on "The Economy—Making a Living in\_\_\_\_\_." Included is a simple economic map of the province/territory.

## Chapter 2: Making Goods

### Set Up Learning Experiences

#### Literature Links

Karim, Roberta. *Kindle Me a Riddle: A Pioneer Story*. New York, NY: Greenwillow Books, 1999. A pioneer father and daughter solve riddles that explain the origin of things in their lives, such as their log cabin, the broom, a cloak, candles, and apple cider.

#### Web Sites

Troubled Times: Canadians: [www.zetatalk.com/theword/tworx232.htm](http://www.zetatalk.com/theword/tworx232.htm). David Ljunggren's article about global warming and its effects on the Arctic environment and the lifestyle of its peoples.

Environment Canada: Nirjutiqavvik (Coburg Island) National Wildlife Area: [www.pnr-rpn.ec.gc.ca/nature/whp/nwa/coburg/df07s01.en.html](http://www.pnr-rpn.ec.gc.ca/nature/whp/nwa/coburg/df07s01.en.html). This site gives lots of information about the park and the birds and animals that are protected there. It gives the history of the area, its occupation by the Thule, its discovery by European explorers, and how the Inuit people use the area today.

Minimidimaxi Magazine: Nunavut—Seal as a Way of Life: [www.minimidimaxi.com/editorials/Canadian\\_fashion/Ready\\_to\\_Wear/fall2002/Nunavut/index.shtml](http://www.minimidimaxi.com/editorials/Canadian_fashion/Ready_to_Wear/fall2002/Nunavut/index.shtml). Gives an overview of the Inuit sealing industry and their re-entrance into the world fur market. There are also some photos of Inuit clothing designs using sealskins.

### Making Goods

#### Resource Links

Llewellyn, Claire. *Bread*. New York, NY: Children's Press, 1999. This book follows bread from its beginnings through to the finished product. It describes how wheat is grown, harvested, and finally processed.

#### Web Sites

Wheat Production: <http://www.kswheat.com/>. This Kansas-based site is great for children. They can find photos and follow the week-by-week growth of wheat, meet a farm family, and read diary entries to learn about their lives.

Sculpture: <http://www.sandycline.com/sculpture/>. Children can see photos that show the step-by-step process used to create carvings.

The Flour and Grain Education Program: [www.grainchain.com](http://www.grainchain.com). Provides information sheets with facts about flour and grain. While at the Web site, click on Grain Chain Explorers to find a variety of activities. If you go to Games and select Fun with Flour, the children will find an interactive wheat-to-bread activity.

DiscoverySchool.com: <http://puzzlemaker.school.discovery.com/>. Through the Puzzlemaker link, children can create a variety of word puzzles.

Forest Products Association of Canada: <http://www.fpac.ca>. The site has activities and information in a "Classroom" section. The reading level is high for Gr. 2, but there is a game where children search for objects made from different parts of trees. The objects are in five parts of the house (inside and out).

### Taking Care of Our Environment

## Literature Links

d'Lacey, Chris. *A Break in the Chain*. St. Catharines, ON: Crabtree Publishing Co., 2002. Guided Reading Level N. This book involves an oil spill in the Arctic, a boy who plays computer games, and a class learning about food chains.

Wallace, Ian. *Duncan's Way*. Toronto, ON: HarperCollins Canada, 2000. This story is an awesome match with the Meteghan section. Eleven-year-old Duncan finds a unique solution when his parents decide to leave their Newfoundland home because his father was forced to stop as a cod fisherman.

Weninger, Brigitte. *Precious Water: A Book of Thanks*. New York, NY: North-South Books, 2002. The child in this simple book shows her appreciation for water—a precious natural resource. She describes where water comes from and how important it is for living things.

## Resource Links

Dalgleish, Sharon. *Protecting Wildlife*. Philadelphia, PA: Chelsea House Publishers, 2003. This book is higher than a Gr. 2 reading level but is full of great information. One particularly appropriate section is titled, "Fishing or Overfishing."

Donald, Rhonda Lucas. *Water Pollution*. New York, NY: Children's Press, 2001. This is one in a series by Donald. The others are titled: *Recycling*, *The Ozone Layer*, *Endangered Animals*, and *Air Pollution*. The books have simple text, good information, and clear photos.

## Web Sites

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge:

<http://www.anwr.org/>. Click on the photo gallery. The site has more than 50 photos of Arctic wildlife—some interacting with human industries (e.g., three bears walking on top of pipelines). These would be a good springboard to writing or discussion.

Meewasin Valley Authority: [www.meewasin.com](http://www.meewasin.com). The Meewasin Valley Authority is mentioned in the Mini-Textbook. The site has many interactive activities for children to learn more about the fish that live in the river, conservation, and pollution.

Natural Resources Kids Page:

Natural Resources Canada: [www.oeenrcan.gc.ca](http://www.oeenrcan.gc.ca). Rules and information on the environmental art contest.

## Videos

*Lobsters and Moonsnails*, a video in the David Suzuki *Nature Connection* Series. Morningstar Entertainment, 1995. This 90-minute video has three sections. The first is about fishing and environmental concerns in Newfoundland. Children learn how commercial fishing nets work, watch lobsters hauled in, speak to an old fisherman about the disappearance of cod fish, and see a huge iceberg that has travelled south due to global warming.

Dr. Seuss. *The Lorax*. New York, NY: Random House, 1971. It presents an environmental story about pollution out of control. It would be a great discussion starter.

## Chapter 3: Jobs Helping People

### Set Up Learning Experiences

#### Literature Links

Flanagan, Alice. *Ms. Davison, Our Librarian*. New York, NY: Children's Press, 1996. This book is also part of a series about people who work. Flanagan focuses on a named individual and

explains the person's responsibilities and impact on the community.

Kalman, Bobbie. *Community Helpers from A to Z*. New York, NY: Crabtree Publishing Co., 1998. This is an alphabet book that introduces children to many different occupations, such as journalist, pharmacist, and vet.

Maynard, Christopher. *Jobs People Do*. Penguin Books, 1997. Students will enjoy reading this book filled with photos of real people and detailed information.

Priddy, Roger. *ABC of Jobs*. Toronto, ON: Press Élan, 1997. This colourful book goes through the alphabet with interesting jobs such as karate instructor, landscape gardener and obstetrician.

## Resource Links

Flanagan, Alice. *Teachers (Community Workers)*. Minneapolis, MN: Compass Point Books, 2001. This book is part of a series of easy-to-read books about jobs. They cover all aspects of a job, including problems the workers might have and how they help people in society.

## Web Sites

Saskatchewan Businesses:

[www.ir.gov.sk.ca](http://www.ir.gov.sk.ca). Click on Saskatchewan Facts. Here the students can watch a three minute video about "Doing Business in Saskatchewan." The dialogue is above Gr. 2 level. However, there are many good visuals and students can get a sense of business in Saskatchewan.

Welcome to Nunavut Parks: Visitor Centre:

[www.nunavutparks.com](http://www.nunavutparks.com). Gives brief descriptions of services offered in the nine visitor centres in Nunavut. Also covers seasonal conditions, polar bear safety, travelling to Nunavut, arranging tours, and places to stay.

Department of Economic Development: Government of Nunavut:

<http://www.edt.gov.nu.ca/lookupnunavut/NEF.htm>

Information on the components of Nunavut's economy, including parks and tourism, fishing, sealing, minerals, and wildlife.

Shubenacadie Provincial Wildlife Park: <http://wildlifepark.gov.ns.ca>. provides general information on the park as well as information on the animals, a teachers' section, and a kids' corner that has colouring pages.

Tourism Saskatchewan: [www.sasktourism.com/](http://www.sasktourism.com/). Loads of information about things to do and see in Saskatchewan. Check out their SaskSecrets newsletter for more information.

Virtual Saskatchewan: Wanuskewin: [www.virtualsk.com/current\\_issue/wanuskewin.html](http://www.virtualsk.com/current_issue/wanuskewin.html). An excellent site describing the park and all its fascinating historical sights and experiences.

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ourism Saskatchewan: Boomtown: <http://www.sasktourism.com/newsletter/default.asp?page=6>. A description of Western Development Museum/1910 Boomtown as well as other Saskatchewan attractions.

## Jobs Helping People

### Literature Links

Brown, Margaret Wise. *The Important Book*. New York, NY: Harper & Row, 1949. This simple, classic book uses an easy pattern to present information. Students can easily use this pattern as an organizer for their written work.

Rockwell, Anne. *Career Day*. New York, NY: HarperCollins, 2000. The teacher, Mrs. Madoff, allows children to bring in visitors to share information about their jobs. It ends with "I wonder

what I'll be when I grow up.”

## Web Sites

Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids:

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/k-2/neighborhood/index.html>. An interactive site where children can click on various community buildings to learn more about the people who work there.

## Tourism

### Resource Links

The *InfoCanada Provinces and Territories Series*:

Bonbernard, Trudie. *Nunavut*. Toronto: Thomson Nelson, 2004.

MacDonald, David. *Nova Scotia*. Toronto: Thomson Nelson, 2004.

Mathieu, Wendy. *Saskatchewan*. Toronto: Thomson Nelson, 2004.

This series was designed for Division II children. However, it is full of excellent information, pictures, and charts.

Canadian Tourism Commission:

[www.travelcanada.ca](http://www.travelcanada.ca). This site displays an interactive map of Canada. Children can click on a province (there are links to Saskatoon and Iqaluit within the respective province/territory) and find a wealth of information about tourist attractions, festivals, culture, seasonal events, and more.

## Web Sites

Nunavut Tourism: [www.nunavuttourism.com](http://www.nunavuttourism.com). This travel planner for Nunavut gives information about how to get there, as well as Nunavut's art, culture, history, and explorers, and has a photo gallery.

Discover Nova Scotia: <http://www.novascotia.com/en/home/discovernovascotia/default.aspx>  
Provides information on attractions, restaurants, festivals and tours.

Saskatoon Shines: [www.tourismsaskatoon.com](http://www.tourismsaskatoon.com). This site provides information on events, festivals, attractions, recreation, tours, and more.

# Unit 4: Looking at You

## Starting Up

### Literature Links

*The Five W's*, Reading Level 2. Scottsdale, AZ: Remedia Publications, 2000. Includes 28 factual newspaper articles that can be photocopied and used in centre or whole-class activities. Students start to identify the 5 "Ws". Skills can be applied to their own research.

Forte, Imogene, and Sandra Schurr. *Reports That Students Love to Write*. Nashville, TN: Incentive Publications, 1999. Many ideas for different report formats such as comic-strip report, artifact show-and-tell report, timeline report, placemat report.

Housel, Debra. *Non-Fiction Strategies, Grades 1-3*. Westminster, CA: Teacher Created Materials, Inc., 2003. Strategies for listening to, discussing, reading, writing, and researching non-fiction. Includes rubrics for self and teacher assessment.

Solski, Ruth. *What is a Community?* Napanee, ON: S&S Learning Materials, 1990. Students study their own community in a step-by-step, ready-to-use guide. Activities focus on living in a community, recreation, buildings, work, people, types of communities, transportation, and history. Nine activities are dedicated to researching your community.

## Resource Links

Beckett, Harry. *Alberta*. Eye on Canada series. Calgary: Weigl Educational Publishers Ltd., 2001. Read aloud or independent reading for mid–high readers. Information about Alberta. Includes land/climate, natural resources, plants and animals, tourism, industry, First Nations, explorers, brainteasers, excellent pictures.

Yates, Sarah. *Alberta*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publications Co., 1995. Read aloud or independent reading for mid–high readers. Information about Alberta. Includes fun facts, history, economy, people, famous Albertans, fast facts, glossary, index, great pictures.

## Set Up Learning Experiences

### Web Sites

Metisnation.ca: [www.metisnation.ca](http://www.metisnation.ca). A description of the Métis.

Habitat for Humanity Canada: <http://habitat.ca/index.php>. The site gives a good overview of the organization's purpose and accomplishments and tells how others can get involved.

Alberta Folklore and Local History Collection: Place Names of Alberta:

<http://folklore.library.ualberta.ca/dsplimage.cfm?ID=222&Current=1>. An interesting look at the place names of Alberta from a radio script written by Robert E. Gard in 1940. However, his story about the Cree and Blackfoot war has the victors in the wrong order— it was the Cree people who fled across the river, not the Blackfoot.

Rocky Mountain Travel & Vacation Guide: Alberta:

[www.rockiesguide.com/guide/rocky\\_mountains/alberta\\_canada.html](http://www.rockiesguide.com/guide/rocky_mountains/alberta_canada.html). A good historical look at Alberta and its early settlers. Also has statistics and information on present-day Alberta.

Western Catholic Reporter: Students to learn about Grey Nuns:

[www.wcr.ab.ca/news/1999/1206/greynuns120699.shtml](http://www.wcr.ab.ca/news/1999/1206/greynuns120699.shtml). The history of the Grey Nuns and their activities. Gives a good account of the tiny, log-cabin hospital opened by the nuns in St. Albert in 1863 and their subsequent opening of the Edmonton General Hospital in 1895.

A Scattering of Seeds: The Creation of Canada—The CPR:

[www.whitepinepictures.com/seeds/i/7/sidebar.html](http://www.whitepinepictures.com/seeds/i/7/sidebar.html). An overview of the creation of the CPR and the immigrant workers who helped to build it and to run the trains.

Asian Canadian Labour Alliance: [www.buzzardpress.com/acla/history/early\\_asian\\_pioneers.html](http://www.buzzardpress.com/acla/history/early_asian_pioneers.html).

A good history of Chinese and Japanese immigration to Canada. Tells of the discrimination and hardships they faced while working to build the CPR and about the head tax, the exclusion from immigration, and how they survived. This site is written for teachers and contains cues for some student activities.

Alberta Heritage: North Railway Exchange Main Street:

[www.albertaheritage.net/museums/display.php?institution=75](http://www.albertaheritage.net/museums/display.php?institution=75). Gives details about the origins of the city of Medicine Hat and the arrival of the railway that started it all.

The Canadian Encyclopedia: Crowfoot and Treaty Number 7:

[www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?PgNm=ArchivedFeatures&Params=A283](http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?PgNm=ArchivedFeatures&Params=A283).

Gives an overview of Chief Crowfoot's life and his accomplishments as chief of the Blackfoot people.

Crowfoot (Isapo-Muxika): [www.telusplanet.net/public/mtoll/crow.htm](http://www.telusplanet.net/public/mtoll/crow.htm). This site gives a good history of Crowfoot's life and death, and his relationship with the RCMP and other Aboriginal groups.

City of Medicine Hat, Alberta: Saamis Teepee: [www.bigthings.ca/alberta/medicine.html](http://www.bigthings.ca/alberta/medicine.html). A

description of the Saamis Teepee, including dimensions, weight, and materials. It also tells of its origin and includes two enlargeable photos.

Native History of Alberta: [www.westerncanadatravel.com/alberta.native.history.htm](http://www.westerncanadatravel.com/alberta.native.history.htm). Even though this Web site has only five Aboriginal groups set up in sections, it gives the history of all

Aboriginal peoples of Alberta. The information is mixed throughout the sections.  
Hudson's Hope History Fascinating Facts: <http://dist.hudsons-hope.bc.ca>.

The D.A. Thomas: [www.calverley.ca/Part03-Transportation/3-035.html](http://www.calverley.ca/Part03-Transportation/3-035.html). This article by Dorthea Calverley recounts the story of the famed steamer, the D.A. Thomas, that ran on the Peace River for 15 years.

The Arms of Peace River: [www.mad-alchemy.com/heraldry/peacervr.htm](http://www.mad-alchemy.com/heraldry/peacervr.htm). Shows the coat of arms of Peace River, Alberta, and gives the meaning of the symbols on it.

Bonnyville History and Culture: [www.town.bonnyville.ab.ca](http://www.town.bonnyville.ab.ca). A detailed history of the town and its early settlers. Covers Angus Shaw and Father Bonny, as well as the growth of the community over the years.

## Literature Links

Beckett, Harry. *Alberta: Journey Across Canada*. Vero Beach, FL: The Rourke Book Co., Inc., 1999. Independent reading. Information about Alberta. Includes weather, land, size, location, major cities, signs, symbols, glossary, index.

Kazunas, Charnan, and Tom Kazunas. *The Internet for Kids*. New York, NY: Children's Press, a division of Grolier Publishing, 1999. Read-aloud or independent reading. A simple introduction to the Internet.

Schemenauer, Elma. *Special Canadian Communities*. Edmonton, AB: Weigl Educational Publishers Ltd., 1990. Read aloud or independent reading. Fiction and non-fiction selections. Looks at Chinese, Cree, French, and Ukrainian communities.

## Community Connections/Responsible Citizens

### Web Sites

Canadian Heritage: [www.canadianheritage.gc.ca](http://www.canadianheritage.gc.ca). A good source for teachers on Canadian multiculturalism, including information on special, declared "days" and "months" for various cultures.

Navrongo and Lawra Home Page: <http://mysite.verizon.net/vze827ph/>. A site about two small communities in Ghana, West Africa. Includes a fact sheet and pages about culture, names, music, flag, pledge, anthem, and coat of arms.

## Resource Links

Suzuki, David, and Kathy Vanderlinden. *You Are the Earth: From Dinosaur Breath to Pizza from Dirt*. Vancouver, BC: Greystone Books, 1999. Read aloud or independent reading. Shows how we are all connected to the earth, how humans depend on living things, and what kids can do to make a difference.

## Long Ago

### Literature Links

Erdrich, Louise. *The Birchbark House*. Hyperion, 2002. Read-aloud. The story of a fictional

seven-year-old Ojibwa girl in the 1840s. Although not set in Alberta, it shows the Indian way of life in the Great Lakes area.

Kalman, Bobbie. *The Early Family Home*. New York, NY: Crabtree Publishing Co., 1982. Part of the Early Settler Life Series. Reading level is high for Grade 2, but it is enjoyable as a read-aloud.

## Resource Links

The FreeDictionary.com: Medicine Hat:

<http://encyclopedia.thefreedictionary.com/Medicine%20Hat,%20Alberta>. This site provides good historic background for teachers, with links to more information about specific aspects.

## Changes! Changes!

### Literature Links

Littlechild, George. *This Land Is My Land*. San Francisco, CA: Children's Book Press, 1993. This Alberta author weaves together personal observations, autobiographical material, and history, going back to the first meeting between his ancestors and European settlers.

## Remember the Past

### Web Sites

Atlas de la francophonie:

<http://franco.ca/atlas/francophonie/english/impre.cfm?ld=1>. This site, not a children's site, provides information about contemporary Francophone culture in Alberta along with some history.

## Literature Links

Schemenauer, Elma. *Special Canadian Communities*. Edmonton, AB: Weigl Educational Publishers Ltd., 1990. Read aloud or independent reading. Fiction and non-fiction selections. Looks at Chinese, Cree, French, and Ukrainian communities.

Kalman, Bobbie. Early Settler Life series.

*Early City Life*. Toronto: Crabtree Pub. Co., 1983.

*Early Farm Life*. Toronto: Crabtree Pub. Co., 1983.

*Early Village Life*. Toronto: Crabtree Pub. Co., 1983.

Depicts life in the 19th century.

## Project-Based Learning Resources

Chard, Sylvia, and Lilian Katz. *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 by Sylvia Chard include

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

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

Project Approach Web Site: [www.project-approach.org](http://www.project-approach.org)

Project-Based Learning Through Technology: <http://glef.org/php/biglist.php?id=037>

Can be used for research of other celebrations or extension of celebrations and festivals.