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NRCs on CANADA

**NRC Resources for
Teaching about Canada & Canadians**

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Rationale for Teaching Canada

As will be seen in the video "Tom Brokaw explains Canada to Americans", it is important for American students to know more about our northern neighbor and its relationship to our own nation. Additional rationales:

- Teaching Canada meets international education goals that consider North America first, encourage American students to be prepared as 21st century citizens who are good neighbors, good economic partners, good allies, and more.
- Teaching Canada has students explore our international relationship beyond mutually-beneficial economic interests to include the stewardship of N. America and the world.
- Teaching Canada advances student knowledge, provides comparative context for history and politics, and encourages global thinking.
- Canada is perhaps the best comparative lens regarding all core social studies topics.
- It's important that American 8th Graders recognize that Canada is *not* a dictatorship.

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Canada and the American Curriculum

As per the article "The Country Left Behind", Canada sometimes falls in a curriculum "gap" that many educators aren't aware of.

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TAN color:
CDN content required in elementary school curriculum (K-5)

BLUE color:
CDN content required in middle school curriculum (6-8)

PURPLE color:
CDN content required in high school curriculum (9-12)

RED color:
CDN content required in two different levels of K-12 school curriculum (either K-5 & 6-8; or K-5 & 9-12; or 6-8 & 9-12)

GREEN color:
CDN content required at all 3 levels of school curriculum

IB World School curricula, on the other hand, includes the study of Canada. In the *HL History of the Americas* course where students study the U.S., Canada and Latin America—from Nation Building in the Americas to the 21st Century. Canada is also included as a suggested example in *World History* curricula: Topic 4 (Societies in Transition); Topic 5 (Early Modern States), and Topic 7 (Industrialization), for example.

* <http://www.k12studycanada.org/files/news/The%20Country%20Left%20Behind%20Andre%20Senecal.pdf>

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Resources for Teaching Canada

Key Question: *Why aren't more resources available?*

Quick Answer: Despite NCSS, NCHE, and NCGE support for increased inclusion of Canada in the curriculum, state-controlled standards (esp. California, Texas and New York) drive the textbook industry. Unless standards specifically mention Canada, content is minimized and/or left out of textbooks entirely—even in key areas like economics.

Quick Help? Look to NRCs. U.S. Department of Education Title VI funding supports 114 National Resource Centers—two for Canada and 112 for other world regions—at universities across the country with the mandate to conduct a broad range of activities that include instruction, outreach and teacher training, scholarly research, and maintenance of library resources. Collectively, these activities constitute a national capacity in modern foreign languages and area and international studies.*



* <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/legpenrc/index.html>

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National Resource Centers on Canada

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Pacific Northwest NRC on Canada (K-12 STUDY CANADA)
Canadian Studies Center, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington
Center for Canadian-American Studies, Western Washington University
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Northeast NRC on Canada
Canadian-American Center, University of Maine
Center for the Study of Canada/Institute on Québec Studies, SUNY Plattsburgh
Websites: <http://umaine.edu/teachingcanada> and <http://canada-acsus.plattsburgh.edu/cesca.htm>
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National Resource Centers on Canada

We offer many resources and partner with many organizations to serve K-12 educators:

K-16 Classroom Resources Print Publications Teachable Online Information	Online Curricula Multimedia Classroom Tools Instruction for Professional Development
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- National Education Groups (eg: NCSS, NCHE, NCGE, CS4, ACSUS)
- State Councils of the above groups
- State and District-Level Social Studies Curriculum Directors/Coordinators
- Educational Collaboratives and Individual Schools
- Embassy of Canada and Consulates of Canada in the US
- Québec Government Offices in the US (and in Canada)
- State Government Offices (and Provincial Government Offices in Canada)
- Regional Canada-America Societies/World Affairs Councils
- Library of Congress: Teaching with Primary Documents Program
- Other Area NRCs at Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, UW
- Faculties of Education at our own institutions and at other universities
- K-12 STUDY CANADA Teacher-Associates & Individual Teachers/Librarians

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PNW NRC on Canada Resources




- Website dedicated to K-12 educators teaching Canada - www.k12studycanada.org
- Canada Northern Neighbor (2nd Edition) textbook and variety of resource guides/tours
- O Canada! The True North Strong and Free! Newspapers in Education Supplement
- NCHE "Connections to Canada in US History" Articles / NCSS and CS4 Leadership
- Half/Full-Day Professional Development Programs and Conference Workshops:
 - Archives on the Arctic: Connecting to Global Issues...
 - From Coal Trains to Classrooms: Cross-Border Trade, Energy and Environmental Issues
- E-Resource Newsletters (every 2 months September-June)
- Teacher Loan-Kits (2 Types: Resource Valise (9 multimedia units); Student Novel Collection (36))
- Annual STUDY CANADA Summer Institute for K-12 Educators




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NE NRC on Canada Resources



- Website dedicated to K-12 educators teaching Canada - <http://umaine.edu/teachingcanada>
- Canada Valise (teacher-developed loan-kit with books, classroom artifacts and Grade 7 curricula by Les Buell)
- Articles in Education Journals/Publications/Story-Maps
- Half/Full-Day Professional Development Programs and Workshops at Teacher Conferences:
 - Canada and the New Hampshire Curriculum
 - Canada and the Massachusetts Curriculum
 - Canada and the New York Curriculum
- Canada Community Leadership at NCSS
- Annual (Alternate Year) Summer Institutes:
 - Québec Dimensions Summer Teachers' Institute
 - Summer Institute for Teachers of French



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A Few Other Recommended Resources













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Tip for Recommended Classroom Reading

Visit *Canadian Review of Materials* (CM) at <https://www.umanitoba.ca/cm> for book reviews and recommendations in their online magazine. Most reviews are by classroom teachers or university education faculty.


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Tip for Online Publishing/Purchasing Sources


- Strong Nations
<http://www.strongnations.com>
- Chapters Bookstore
www.chapters.ca
- Pacific Edge Publishing
www.classroomresources.com
- Kidsbooks Vancouver
www.kidsbooks.ca
- Powell's Books (Victoria)
www.powells.com
- Amazon (in-Canada)
www.amazon.ca

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Inspirational Tip for Teaching/Learning

Tom Brokaw Explains Canada to Americans....
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrA4V6YF6SA>



This 8-minute exploration of the Canada-US relationship originally aired on NBC on 2/12/2010 in conjunction with Opening Ceremonies for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics.

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The End

Thank you for your time.

Your dedication to expanding curricula on Canada in your IB World School is appreciated.

Your students will be ahead-of-the-curve by learning about Canada, understanding its part in our shared history, appreciating the need to maintain harmonious North American relationships, and recognizing the role Canada plays in the world today.



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