

## A Bit about K-12 STUDY CANADA...

The name “K-12 STUDY CANADA” represents outreach efforts to classroom teachers and students by the Center for Canadian-American Studies at Western Washington University (WWU). Our Center, in consortium with the Canadian Studies Center, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington (UW), forms the Pacific Northwest Resource Center for Canada with funding from a US Department of Education (USDOE) Title VI grant.

The mission of our NRC is to increase the number of scholars, educators and professionals knowledgeable about Canada in the Pacific Northwest and across the nation—with a special mandate to also provide educational outreach to K-12 students, educators, and the community. Both Centers offer public programming to increase knowledge and understanding of Canada, the Canada-US relationship, and Canada's role in the world.

Our gateway to teaching/learning about Canada—[www.k12studycanada.org](http://www.k12studycanada.org)—offers a wealth of information and resources for students as well as professional development opportunities for teachers. See the flip side of this document to get a sneak-peek at all that is offered.

The annual *STUDY CANADA Summer Institute for K-12 Educators*, for example, has provided K-12 teachers with a strong foundation for teaching Canada since 1978. Under the direction of Tina Storer, Education and Curriculum Specialist at WWU's Center for Canadian-American Studies, and Nadine Fabbi, Managing Director of the Canadian Studies Center at UW, the program provides an excellent foundation for teaching about Canada to American educators. As a STUDY CANADA participant, you will be invited to be a K-12 STUDY CANADA Teacher Associate if interested in sharing your own expertise about Canada at regional conferences and/or advising colleagues in your region. Modest support is available, if needed.

All participants remain connected to our NRC and encouraged to keep teaching about Canada via the e-resource newsletter shared by Tina Storer once every two months (September – June) to a listserv of over 2500 teachers. Tina also manages the outreach website, develops new classroom resources, and directs outreach activities that bring Canada into K-12 classrooms via teacher loan-kits as well as resource presentations and exhibits at national education conferences.

Please stay in touch! Our NRC is always glad to share news of special activities/events that can be posted on the K-12 website as well as <http://www.jsis.washington.edu/canada/k12/classroom.shtml> at UW.



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Explore our workshops, loan-kits, lessons and links.

We provide K-12 teachers/students with a wealth of resources for teaching/learning about Canada. Contact [tina.storer@wwu.edu](mailto:tina.storer@wwu.edu) for any assistance needed with resources for your classroom/school/district.

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- **Professional Development Workshops** Learn about the annual *STUDY CANADA Summer Institute for K-12 Educators* and other workshops designed to introduce and enhance the teaching of Canada nationwide: [www.k12studycanada.org/scsi.html](http://www.k12studycanada.org/scsi.html).
- **Teacher Loan-Kits** Two loan-kits are available to make Canada come alive in your classroom. [www.k12studycanada.org/resources\\_teacher\\_resources.html#K-12\\_STUDY\\_CANADA\\_Teacher\\_Loan-Kits](http://www.k12studycanada.org/resources_teacher_resources.html#K-12_STUDY_CANADA_Teacher_Loan-Kits).
  - A **Resource Valise** includes materials related to nine thematic units (includes books, artifacts, CD-ROMs, music CDs and videos).
  - A **Student Novel Collection** includes 36 novels that can be used independently or in conjunction with the resource valise.
- **E-Resource Newsletters** Join hundreds of others on the Canada Listserv to receive resource news by email every two months (September-June). The e-resource notices can also be viewed online at [www.k12studycanada.org/news\\_resource\\_notices.html](http://www.k12studycanada.org/news_resource_notices.html). Sign up by contacting [tina.storer@wwu.edu](mailto:tina.storer@wwu.edu).
- **Textbook: *Canada Northern Neighbor (2nd Edition)*** Published by WWU, this is an excellent core textbook suitable for grades 6 - 9 that focuses on the history, geography, economy, government, culture and arts of Canada while emphasizing Canada's relationship with the US.
- **Resource Guides for Teachers** Check out the **homepage** for recommended resources on specific topics.
- **Curricula for Classrooms:**
  - **K-12 Lesson Plans** Lesson and Unit Plans developed by educators at the annual *STUDY CANADA Summer Institute* are posted at: [www.k12studycanada.org/resources\\_lesson\\_plans.html](http://www.k12studycanada.org/resources_lesson_plans.html).
  - **K-12 Teaching Modules: Connecting Canadian History to the U.S** Numerous educational modules and articles written for NCHE History Matters! e-journal have been designed to link Canada to the history of the US. The modules can be downloaded and copied for classroom use.
  - **PowerPoints/Videos:** A growing collection of educational slideshows and video presentations is useful for teachers and students alike. See: [http://www.k12studycanada.org/resources\\_pps.html](http://www.k12studycanada.org/resources_pps.html)
  - ***O Canada! The True North Strong and Free!*** Download this 16-page *Newspapers in Education* supplement written by Tina Storer from the homepage. First published by *The Washington Times* in 2004, this resource has since been published by other papers across the US, too.
  - **Other Lesson Plan Links** Great lesson plans on Canada are available on these sites.
- **Student Resources** Students can use the links here to research projects on Canada and have fun testing their knowledge by exploring Atlases and Maps; Fun Games; Quizzes; Links.
- **Links for Additional Learning** Broaden current curriculum by exploring our Top 10 and other trustworthy links. These sites are recommended for both teachers and students learning about Canada.