REACHING DIVISION II STUDENTS WITH AUTHORITATIVE RESOURCES FOR SOCIAL STUDIES

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LINKS TO CHECK OUT

ORC Support Site: www.onlinereferencecentre.ca
ORC Listserv: http://eepurl.com/cgred5
www.facebook.com/OnlineReferenceCentre
@ORC_AB
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0KNbdjEt6OwuToXvfhUnFg

Q: WHAT IS THE ORC?

$1.2 million collection of curricular aligned authoritative digital resources licensed on behalf of all Alberta:

• K-12 students and their parents
• School staff
• Pre-service teachers
• Public library staff*

A: Funded by a yearly Grant-In-Aid from Alberta Education to the Alberta Library (TAL)

*for the purposes of supporting K-12 patrons
Q: WHY THESE RESOURCES?
A: ORC Resources:

• Provide authoritative, age appropriate, engaging, curricular-aligned content
• Google and Wikipedia are the tip of the searching and information literacy iceberg
• Allow students to become familiar and comfortable with the kind of resources and searching practises that are integral to 21st century learning
• Are time savers once you are familiar with them
• Include embedded supports for diverse learners like listen, text translation, citation tools, vetted websites, copyright-friendly pictures and videos
• Provide anytime, from anywhere with an internet connection access

WHAT'S IN IT FOR TEACHERS/LIBRARY STAFF?

• Direct curriculum correlations, curriculum mapping for Science and Social (under completion)
• Support for diverse learners
• Access to journals like Walrus, National Geographic, School Library Journal, Men's Health, and MacLean's (RSS feeds can be set up)
• Consistent and explicit update schedules
• Access to vetted websites
• Ability to create permalinks that can be posted on a website/moodle page/blog or sent in an email blast

Q: HOW DO YOU ACCESS THE ORC?

• Go the LearnAlberta.ca
• Select English or French
• Click “Online Reference Centre” in the tab along the top of the screen
• In school automatic authentication should occur
• Outside of school access requires a district username and password
  • LA___________(username) ______________(password)
• Share your district username and password using low tech methods - do not post on an open website
• Email ORC@thealbertalibrary.ab.ca for your remote username/password
QUESTIONS?

QUICK TIPS FOR TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT IN THE CLASSROOM

• Create a direct link to the ORC
• Create enlarged icons of the databases you will use to post on board
• Preload iPads, Smart Boards, or computers to save time
• Model in whole group - paired work - independent work
• Number each student - that will be their computer number every time
• Create recipe cards with each student’s login information - laminate and keep on a ring
• Assign in-class tech helpers
• Assist with age appropriate citations - icons, pre-made worksheets, etc.

RESOURCES THAT PROMOTE AND SUPPORT SOCIAL STUDIES

Britannica School: Elementary (Grades 1-6)
Britannica School: Middle (Grades 7-9)
The Canadian Encyclopedia (Grades 5-12)
Canada in Context (Grades 6-12)
CultureGrams (Grades 3-12)
National Geographic Kids Virtual Library (Grades K-6)
ScholasticGo! (Grades 2-12)
TrueFX (Grades 3-6)
BRITANNICA SCHOOL: ELEMENTARY
• Recommended for students in grades K-6
• Canada In Focus section devoted to articles about significant Canadian people, places, and history
• Two reading levels allow users to change level while maintaining age appropriate interface
• Embedded read-aloud feature and font adjustment
• Text translation for 50 languages
• Seamless access on tablet, smartphone, laptop or desktop
• Educator tools including lesson plan builder

BRITANNICA SCHOOL: MIDDLE
• Recommended for students in grades 6-8
• Adjustable reading levels allow users to change level while maintaining age appropriate interface
• Three reading levels in middle and high interfaces
• Embedded read aloud feature and font adjustment
• Text translation for 50 languages
• Seamless access on tablet, smartphone, laptop or desktop
• Educator tools including lesson plan builder

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: GRADE 4
• Alberta: A Sense of the Land
  • Maps and Mapmaking, Alberta, Banff National Park, Rocky Mountains
• The Stories, Histories, and People of Alberta
  • Peoples (Chipewyan, Cree)
SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: GRADE 5

- Physical Geography of Canada
  - Canada In Focus section – information on all provinces and territories
  - Lake Erie, Grand Banks, Hudson Bay, Lake Huron, Laurentian Mountains, Niagara Falls, Rocky Mountains, Sault Sainte Marie Canals, Banff National Park

- Histories and Stories of Ways of Life in Canada
  - Peoples: Algonquin, Beothuk, Chipewyan, Cree, Haida, Iroquois, Kwakiutl, Noonka, Ojibwa, Ottawa, Wyandot
  - Fur Trade, Hudson’s Bay Company

- Canada: Shaping an Identity
  - Prime Ministers

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: GRADE 6

- Democracy: Action and Participation
  - Pierre Elliot Trudeau, Constitution, Citizenship, Democracy, Political Systems, Voting, Law, Taxation, Tariffs, Governors

- Historical Models of Democracy: Ancient Athens and The Iroquois Confederacy
  - Ancient Greece, Iroquois (Hiawatha)

THE CANADIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA

- Free website provided by the government of Canada
- Change from English to French at the top of the right-hand corner of every page
- New updated interface - much more aesthetic and functional
- View personal accounts from veterans, view videos,
- Articles include publication date, editor and edit date
- Excellent support for the grades 4-7 and 9-12 Social Studies curriculum
SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT:
GRADE 4

• Alberta: A Sense of the Land
  • Alberta (Geology, Climate, Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Natural Gas, Forestry, Fisheries)
  • Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology, Badlands, Hoodoo Rocks, Banff National Park, Rocky Mountains, Elk Island, Wood Buffalo, Conservation, Taiga Plains Ecozone, Jasper, Waterton Lakes
  • Tree Planting in Alberta, Environmental and Conservation Movements, Wildlife Preserve, Vegetation Regions
• The Stories, Histories, and People of Alberta
  • Ethnic Languages, English Language, French Language, Cree Syllabics, Official Languages Act, Métis Settlements, French in the West
• Alberta: Celebrations and Challenges
  • Wheat, Agriculture and Food, Alberta Wheat Pool, Oil Sands, Great Depression, Confederation, Drought in Palliser’s Triangle, Alberta Timeline
  • Calgary Stampede, Fog Bowl, Fringe Festivals, Powwows, Ukrainian Canadians, Scottish Canadians, Joseph Tyrell, David Thompson, Sir Alexander Mackenzie, Glenbow Museum, The Group of Seven, Head Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Blackfeet Archaeological Site, Crowsnest Pass

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT:
GRADE 5

• Physical Geography of Canada
  • Long Range Mountains, Hans Island, Great Slave Island, Parked Aves, Commissioneer Pass, Haida Heritage Site, Taku Safari National Park, Grand Teton National Park, Assiniboine National Park, Elk Island National Park, Cape Breton Highlands National Park, Wood Buffalo National Park, Bowden National Park
  • Wheat, Agriculture and Food, Oil Sands, Vegetation Regions, Geological Regions, Conservation, Environmental Governance
• Histories and Historical Ways of Life in Canada
  • Indigenous Peoples (Nuxalk, Bearlake, Nuu-chah-nulth, Northern Georgia Strait Coast Salish, Ojibwe, Mohawk, Iroquois, Beothuk, Algonquin, Tutchone)
  • Indigenous-French relations, Métis, French in the West, Coureurs de Bois, Welsh, Scottish Canadians, English, Irish Canadians, Black Canadians, Asian Heritage in Canada, Japanese Canadians, Chinese Canadians
  • Law-Enforcement, North-West Mounted Police, Formation of the RCMP
• Canada: Shaping an Identity
  • Confederation, Sir John A. MacDonald, Religion, Canadian Pacific Railway, Emily Murphy’s Famous Triumph, Nellie McClung, Louise McKinney, Women’s Suffrage, Famous 5
  • Great Depression, WWI, Baby Boom, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT:
GRADE 6

• Citizens Participating in Decision Making
• Historical Models of Democracy: Ancient Athens and the Iroquois Confederacy
  • Haudenosaunee, Hiawatha, Ongondaga, Seneca, Cayuga, Oneida, Mohawk, Wampum
HOW DO I USE THIS IDEAS: THE CANADIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA

- Provide a link to a digital exhibit from the collection (found along the top of the webpage)
- Link to a first hand account by a Canadian veteran for Remembrance Day
- QR code the stories and put them around the school for the month of November
- If your school is named after a famous Canadian, link to information about that Canadian
- Link to articles relevant to the curriculum for various units of study

CANADA IN CONTEXT

- Canadian content not only for Social Studies but also for Science (i.e. Alberta Oil Sands)
- Featured videos, news and stories on homepage
- Customizable read-aloud feature, articles available to download to MP3
- Text translation to 13 languages
- Highlight and take notes within the article, save to a folder without an account
- Links to “Related Subjects” to support shallow searchers
- Share/permalink any page using the “Bookmark” tab on the right-hand side of the search bar
- Advanced search allow for Boolean and content selection (Advanced/Intermediate/Basic)
- Search specific learner outcomes in “Curriculum Standards” for the Alberta Social Studies, ELA, and Science curriculum - embedded links to the articles included

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: GRADE 4

- Alberta: A Sense of the Land
  - Alberta Oil Sands
- Alberta: Celebrations and Challenges
  - Alberta Oil Sands: Social Impact, Suncor Mine and Refinery, Oil and Gas in Canada, First Nations in Alberta, The History of Alberta, Canadian Demographics, Great Depression in Canada, The History of Alberta
SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: GRADE 5

• Histories and Stories of Ways of Life in Canada
  • Scottish Canadians, Irish Canadians, East Asian Canadians

• Canada: Shaping an Identity
  • Post-Confederation Canada, The History of Canada: From 1800-1900, The Canadian Pacific Railway, Sir John A. Macdonald, 1900s, the Métis in Canada, Immigration to Canada, George-Etienne Cartier, The Conservative Party of Canada, Canadian Women’s Rights Groups, Emily Murphy, Nellie McClung

• Great Depression, WWI, WWII, Women During the War, Canada at War, World Wars and Interwar Years: 1914-1945, Canadian Women in Wartime

• Nunavut, Student Resource Centre, Canadian Constitution Act, Canada’s Parliament, Canada and the United Nations, Canada and Peacekeeping, Lester Pearson

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: GRADE 6

• Citizens Participating in Decision Making

• Historical Models of Democracy: Ancient Athens and the Iroquois Confederacy
  • Ancient Greece, I Am a Canadian: Three Perspectives on Dual Citizenship, The History of Democracy, Iroquois Confederacy

HOW DO I USE THIS IDEAS: “IN CONTEXT” SERIES

• Use the "bookmark" feature to create permalinks of any of the pages in the database
• “Seed” inquiry projects/project-based learning experiences
• Highlight content related to the curriculum, supplement print collections, support student interests, provide season/holiday content, provide information about other cultures/countries/cultures
• Access to current editions of Toronto Star, Globe & Mail, MacLean’s (Canada in Context), World and I, Newsweek International, and The Historian (World History In Context)
• Access science related videos on the homepage that are changed regularly
CULTUREGRAMS

• New interface for 2015/2016
• Kids Edition - excellent support for gr. 3 & 5 S.S.
• Provinces Edition - supports gr. 2 & 4 5 S.S.
• World Edition - supports gr. 10-12 S.S.
• Updated every 6 months and written/reviewed by in-country consultants
• Features included: customizable read-aloud, photo gallery, slideshows, videos, famous people, and cultural recipes
• Tools included: build-your-own graphs and tables, pre-generated graphs and tables, distance calculate, and currency converter

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: GRADE 4

• Alberta: A Sense of the Land
  • Climate, Geography, Resources, Industries
• The Stories, Histories, and Peoples of Alberta
  • Timeline, Buffalo Hunters, Fur and Bibles, Population Bursts, Black Gold Rush

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: GRADE 5

• Canada: Shaping an Identity
  • Alberta History, The Famous Five
HOW DO I USE THIS IDEAS: CULTUREGRAMS

• There are only so many books on Tunisia/India/Ukraine/Peru and Canada
• This database can greatly assist grade three and five students who are looking for content related to various countries
• Finding content for the grade 2, 4 social studies curriculum is challenging
• While this database does not provide information on the exact cities and towns studied in the grade 2 curriculum, it does provide excellent content on each of the provinces
• Of particular interest for grade 4 students is the timeline for Albert
• Provides related content for globalization and nationalism for the grades 10-12 social studies curriculum

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS VIRTUAL LIBRARY

• New to the collection for 2015/2016
• Authoritative nonfiction content
• Award-winning maps and photos
• 200 National Geographic Kids Books
• 500 Kid-friendly downloadable images
• National Geographic Kids Magazines (2009-Present, 3 month embargo)
• Includes listen feature

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: GRADE 4

• Alberta: A Sense of the Land
  • Wildlife Overpass, Everything Dinosaurs
HOW DO I USE THIS IDEAS:
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS VIRTUAL LIBRARY

• Have National Geographic Kids running on iPads instead of print - better yet have both
• Have a featured article on the Smart board to explicitly teach pulling key information out, begin exploring a topic, etc.
• Show a video to set up learning and/or activate previous knowledge
• Use a permalink and QR to articles about different Canadian animals and have that abound classroom as learning centres, around the school as a "Did you know" series
• Use copyright friendly images from this resource in student projects, around the school and/or classroom
• Easy to use and access content for classroom inquiry/project based learning

SCHOLASTIC GO!

• Formally known as Amazing Animals of the World, it is now a database made up of seven Scholastic encyclopedia databases: Encyclopedia Americana, Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, The New Book of Knowledge, America the Beautiful, Lands & Peoples, Amazing Animals of the World, and The New Book of popular Science
• Contains 115,000 articles written by experts in that subject and edited by professional editors
• Articles are all differentiated by Lexile Reading Level
• Read Aloud available for every article
• Access to a searchable database of world newspapers
• Access to world atlas with more than 1200 maps, hundreds of photos, and thousands of links to related articles within Scholastic Go!
• Alberta Curriculum Standards also available

HOW DO I USE IT?
SCHOLASTIC GO

• Every article comes with access to related media, like pictures, videos, tables, charts, graphs, etc. to use for independent inquiry projects
• Always a struggle to find nonfiction content appropriate for younger grades – this can supplement a print collection
• The Go Tube collection provides hundreds of videos that can be used as an introduction to a topic
  • Have the video playing as students enter the classroom
• Having differentiated colour-coded reading levels allows students to easily identify which reading level is appropriate for them
  • This also allows students to choose whether they want to go up a reading level or down a reading level, allowing them to customize their learning
• Double-click dictionary also allows students to easily and independently find definitions to words they do not know
TRUEFLIX
• Sister resource to BookFLIX designed for grades 3-6
• Nonfiction content divided into 2 broad themes with 3-5 sub themes
• Each eBook includes an introductory video to help build background knowledge of topic and improve students comprehension
• Lesson plans provided for every eBook, all eBooks are guided reading level (Fountas and Pinnell) aligned
• Human voice read-along feature to support emergent/struggling readers
• Interactive table of contents for each eBook, in addition to a glossary and index
• Essential inquiry questions and project ideas from every eBook

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT:
GRADE 6
• Historical Models of Democracy: Ancient Athens and the Iroquois Confederacy
  • Ancient Greece: The Growth of Government

HOW DO I USE THIS IDEAS:
TRUEFLIX
• Assist resistant readers to select books with the introductory video for every eBook
• Find True Books in your print collection - pull them and highlight them for your readers
• Direct students to TrueFLIX to supplement nonfiction content for inquiry projects
• Run an introductory video related to their topic of study to promote nonfiction in general in your library
SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL STAFF USING THE ORC

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- Information about upcoming free ORC PD opportunities
- Information about province-wide resource trials and surveys
- Online booking system for ORC sessions
- Calendar of ORC Events
- Links to the ORC Twitter, YouTube, and Facebook accounts

ORC LISTSERV

- Weekly email updates organized by MailChimp and organized by grade level:
  - New resources and features
  - Province-wide trials
  - Surveys
  - Free PD opportunities
- No emails during school breaks
- Email ORC@thealbertalibrary.ab.ca or visit the ORC Support Site to join today
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