AUTHORITATIVE, AGE APPROPRIATE
SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT FOR
DIVISION I STUDENTS

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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/UC0KNbdjEt6OwuT5XJbUL7F

Q: WHAT IS THE ORC?
A: $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 practices that are integral to 21st century learning
• Are time savers once users are familiar with the resource
• 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?

• Direct curriculum correlations, curriculum mapping for Science and Social (Updated in 2018/2019)
• Support for diverse learners
• Access to journals like Walrus, National Geographic, School Library Journal, Men’s Health, and MacLean’s
• 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 barsenault@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 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/device 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.

RESOURCE THAT SUPPORT SOCIAL STUDIES

BookFLIX (K – Grade 3)
Britannica School Elementary (Grades 1 – 3)
Culturegrams (Grades 3 – 12)
World Book: Early World of Learning (K – Grade 2)
National Geographic Kids Virtual Library (K – Grade 6)
Pebble GO Social Studies (Grades K – 3)
TrueFLIX (Grades 3 – 6)
BOOKFLIX

- Recommended for K-3 students
- 120 fiction and nonfiction book pairs (250 books total) organized into themes
- Pairing fiction with related nonfiction increases student comprehension when reading both formats
- Search titles by guided reading level (Fountas and Pinnell), author, grade level, theme, etc.
- Lesson plans provided for each pair
- Real voice audio support embedded throughout resources to allow emergent readers to navigate the resource independently
- Between 1-3 follow up “puzzlers” for each pair

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: KINDERGARTEN

- I Am Unique
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  - Chato and The Party Animals/My Barrio My Neighborhood
  - In the Month of Kislev/Hanukkah
  - Leo the Late Bloomer/We Are Alike We Are Different
  - Giraffes Can’t Dance/Kids Can Dance
- I Belong
  - The Curious Garden/Our Earth Helping Out
  - I Am Unique
  - Who Says Women Can’t Be Doctors?/A Day With a Doctor
  - Do unto Others/We Are Citizens
  - The Night Before Christmas/Christmas
  - The Librarian from the Black Lagoon/A Day with Librarians
  - How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?/Back-to-School Safety

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: GRADE 1

- My World: Home, School, and Community
  - Crazy Hair Day/Let’s Be Friends
  - Sam and the Lucky Monkey/Chinese New Year
  - The Red Hen/This is the Way We Help at Home
- Moving Through the Past: My Family, My History & My Community
  - Giving Thanks/Thanksgiving
  - The Night Before Christmas/Christmas
  - Too Many Tamales/mis comidas mis foods
SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT:
GRADE 2
• My World: Home, School, and Community
  • Crazy Hair Day/Let’s Be Friends
  • Sam and the Lucky Monkey/Chinese New Year
  • The Red Hen/This is the Way We Help at Home
• Moving Forward with the Past: My Family, My History & My Community
  • Giving Thanks/Thanksgiving
  • The Night Before Christmas/Christmas
  • Too Many Tamales/mis comidas mis foods

HOW DO I USE THIS IDEAS:
BOOKFLIX
Read Aloud Ideas:
• Highlight a book/author from your collection and have all of the related print resources on display following the reading
• Turn volume on mute and have a karaoke read - divide students into two groups and each group reads different pages
• Have no read along on and read it yourself using the beautiful large illustration to engage the students
• Instruct students to look for a word or phrase during the reading and make a motion/sound whenever it comes up
• Load the book on the Smart Board and students can complete the puzzlers on the SMART board following the book reading
• Pre-load on iPads/tablets or computers and use for a listening centre
• Use for home reading program

BRITANNICA SCHOOL:
ELEMENTARY
• Recommended for students in grades K-6
• Britannica Learning Zone designed for grades PreK-2
  • Offers play-based activities for learning colours, geography, numbers, shapes, how to tell time, and vocabulary
  • 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
SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: GRADE 3

• Communities in the World
  - India (country in Asia), Mumbai (city in India), Delhi (national capital territory of India), Taj Mahal (mausoleum in Agra, India), Hinduism, Monsoon, Diwali (Hindu festival), Tunisia, Ukraine, Kiev, Crimea, Peru, Lima

• Global Citizenship

CULTUREGRAMS

• Kids Edition - excellent support for gr. 3 & 5 S.S.

• Provinces Edition - supports gr. 2 & 4 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 2

• Canada’s Dynamic Communities
  - Provinces Edition: Alberta (Place, Climate, Geography, Environmental Issues, Resources and Industries), Saskatchewan (Place, Climate, Geography, Environmental Issues, Resources and Industries), Nunavut (Place, Climate, Geography, Environmental Issues, Resources and Industries), Nova Scotia (Place, Climate, Geography, Environmental Issues, Resources and Industries), New Brunswick (Place, Climate, Geography, Environmental Issues, Resources and Industries)

• A Community in the Past
  - Alberta (Buffalo Hunters, Population Bursts, Black Gold Rush), Saskatchewan (Band of Brothers, Beaver Fur, The Great Lorne Land), Nunavut (Arctic Whalers, North of 60, Missionaries, The Dream of Nunavut), Nova Scotia (The M’Kean, Cabot and Cartier, L’Acadie, the Future of Fish)
SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT:
GRADE 3
• Communities in the World
  • Kids Edition: Republic of India, Tunisia al-Jumhuriyya al-Tunisiyya, Europe, South America
  • World Edition: Comparison tables of India, Tunisia, Ukraine, Peru

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 Alberta
  • Provides related content for globalization and nationalism for the grades 10-12 social studies curriculum

EARLY WORLD OF LEARNING
• Designed for very young learners with human voice read-aloud embedded throughout
  • Stories, pictures, videos, songs and activities build literacy skills
  • Related content to Science and Social Studies curricula
  • Fun and interactive, works well on iPad or tablet
  • URL at the top of the screen acts as a permalink **only for this resource
SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: KINDERGARTEN

- Welcome to Reading: Why is Taffy Sad?, Sam Starts School, Aunt Nikki’s Tale, Ride Like the Wind, Show and Tell, All About China, A Birthday Fiesta, Caring for a Pet, It’s Time for Dinner, Working it Out, Lend a Hand

- Watch: Lion Dance, Everyone’s Face is Different, Teacher at Work, Firefighter in Action, Utility Worker in Action, Bus Driver in Action, Yoga Sun Salutation, Snowboarding, Doctor Takes a Pulse, Operating Room, Teacher at Work

- Know It: Bus Driver, Firefighter, Garbage Collector, Lawyer, Mail Carrier, Medical Worker, Police Officer, Teacher, Utility Worker

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: GRADE 1

- My World: Home, School, and Community
  - Welcome to Reading: All About China, A Birthday Fiesta, Working it Out, What a Doll!, Lend a Hand
  - Watch: Lion Dances, Pinatas

HOW DO I USE THIS IDEAS: EARLY WORLD OF LEARNING

- Begin a library class/lesson/unit introduction/welcome to the day with a sing along and/or nursery rhyme to get the students set up for learning/reading/read aloud/book selection
- Have Early World of Learning running on iPads in the library, classroom or office for students to access independently
- Have a related activity/article or database on the Projector/SmarBoard for students to complete/read and discuss collaboratively
- Highlight a section of the Early World of Learning database that is related to classroom learning on the Smart board and/or iPads
- Use a permalink to various pages as learning centers
- Use as a listening center
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)
• Include listen feature

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: KINDERGARTEN

• I Am Unique
  • Environmental (“Dare to Explore” & “Fun Stuff: Special Earth Day Selection”)

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: GRADE 1

• My World: Home, School, and Community
  • Cooperation (“Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Fiestas, Music, and Dance”)
  • Cultural Celebration
SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT: GRADE 3

- Communities in the World
  - Videos: India (Faces of India, Melting Ganges Glacier)
  - Pictures: India (Ganges River, Boy and his Parrot, Irrigating a Paddy, Flower Seller’s Boat)
  - Books: Tunisia (National Geographic Kids Almanac 2015)
- Global Citizenship
  - Every Human Has Rights

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 copy-right 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

PEBBLEG OR SOCIAL STUDIES

- Recommended for students in K-3
- Easy navigation, levelled text, visual searching all designed for beginning researchers
- Human voice read aloud with text highlighting, photos, videos, audio clips to enhance learning and engage learners
- Articles segmented into brief sections with tab navigation at the top of the screen
- One or two videos that align with the article to help activate/develop background knowledge of the topic
SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT:
KINDERGARTEN

- I am Unique
  - Holidays: Chinese New Year, Christmas, Cinco de Mayo, Day of the Dead, Diwali, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Ramadan, St. Patrick’s Day
  - Families: Parents, Brothers and Sisters, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles, Cousins, Families, Adoptive Families, Foster Families, Blended Families
  - Customs Around the World: Birthdays Around the World, Clothing Around the World, School Around the World
- I Belong
  - Helping the Environment, Jobs in the Community, Being a Good Citizen, Families

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT:
GRADE 1

- My World: Home, School, and Community
  - In My Home, In My Neighborhood, Living in a Small Town, Living in a City, Customs Around the World, Understanding Disabilities (ADHD, Autism, Blindness, Deafness, Down Syndrome, Dyslexia, Using Leg Braces, Using Wheelchairs), Being a Good Citizen
  - Maps (What is a Map?, Map Symbols and Keys, The World of Maps)
- Moving Forward with the Past: My Family, My History & My Community
  - Holidays, Families (Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles), Long Ago and Today, All About Money,

HOW DO I USE THIS IDEAS:
PEBBLEGO SOCIAL STUDIES

- This is a database that can be easily navigated by kinders and grade 1 students with very little assistance on chromebooks, tablets or iPads
- Always a struggle to find nonfiction content appropriate for this age range - this can supplement the print collection
- Use for independent inquiry projects or for science lessons
- Topics covered: my world, maps, long ago and today, community, culture and awareness, citizenship, holidays, etc.
- Social Studies curriculum map to be completed using this resource
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 3

- Communities in the World
  - Asia: Biggest and Busiest, Living in Asia, Wildest Wildlife, Today’s Asia
  - South America: Land of Extreme, Amazing Amazon
  - The Red Hen/This is the Way We Help at Home

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
SCHOLASTIC GO!

- 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 THIS IDEAS:
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

SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL STAFF USING THE ORC

ORC Support Site
ORC Listserv
Contact
ORC SUPPORT SITE
www.onlinereferencecentre.ca

- Resource training materials - podcasts, videos, archived, webinars, and guides
- 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 powered by MailChimp and organized by grade levels:
  - 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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