

The Learning Centre

Educational Resources

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/education/



Elementary

Intermediate

Secondary



Library and Archives
Canada

Bibliothèque et Archives
Canada

Canada

PIKA: Canadian Children's Literature Database

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/pika/

Subjects: Language arts, literacy

Resources: A searchable database for Canadian children's literature, with summaries of books and recommendations for age group and reading level

Read Up On It

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/read-up-on-it/

Subjects: Language arts, literacy

Resources: An annual selection of Canadian books for young readers searchable by name and title

TD Summer Reading Club

www.td-club-td.ca

An annual summer reading program designed to encourage literacy, featuring books on various themes

Resources: An activity package for schoolchildren, interactive games, library and school partnerships, suggested book lists, videos and DVDs organized by age group and genre

Page by Page: Creating a Children's Book

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/pagebypage/

Subjects: Language arts, literacy

About: Creating and illustrating a children's book

Resources: Bookmaking activities

Canadian Directories: Who Was Where

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/canadiandirectories/

Themes: Exploration and settlement

Subjects: History, social studies, geography

About: Historical Canadian communities since 1790

Resources: Classroom activities

The Kids' Site of Canadian Settlement

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/settlement/kids/

Themes: Exploration and settlement, Aboriginal peoples

Subjects: History, technology, language arts

About: The history of Aboriginal peoples and settlement groups in Canada

Resources: A complete teaching unit and six interactive games



Elementary
Ages 4 to 11

Four Kings and One Queen

www.portraits.gc.ca/009001-3101-e.html

- Themes:** Notable people, the arts
Subjects: Visual arts, history, language arts
About: The Four Indian Kings portraits
Resources: Classroom activities

Images Canada

www.imagescanada.ca

A searchable database of 131,000 images relating to Canadian people, places and events

- Resources:** Two complete teaching units and classroom activities

Canadian Genealogy Centre

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/022-400-e.html

- Themes:** Genealogy and family history
Subjects: Social studies, history
About: Genealogical resources in Canada
Resources: Lesson plans, activities and games

The Kids' Site of Canadian Trains

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/trains/kids/

- Themes:** Exploration and settlement, politics and government, notable people and accomplishments
- Subjects:** History, geography, language arts, mathematics
- About:** The railway and the development of Canada
- Resources:** Classroom activities

Passageways

True Tales of Adventure for Young Explorers

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/explorers/kids/

- Themes:** Exploration and settlement
- Subjects:** Social studies, language arts
- About:** Canadian explorers from the 11th to the 20th century
- Resources:** A complete teaching unit

The Virtual Gramophone

Canadian Historical Sound Recordings

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/gramophone/

- Themes:** The arts, notable people and accomplishments
- Subjects:** Music, visual arts, language arts
- About:** Historical music recordings and biographies of musicians
- Resources:** Classroom activities

Beyond the Letters: A Retrospective of Canadian Alphabet Books

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/abc/

- Subjects:** Language arts, literacy
- About:** The history of Canadian alphabet books
- Resources:** Classroom alphabet activities



Intermediate Ages 12 to 14

The Evidence Web

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/education/sources/

A database of primary sources on Aboriginal peoples, disasters and phenomena, exploration and settlement, genealogy, government and politics, landscape, notable people, sports, the arts, war and military

Resources: Complete teaching units and a student tool kit

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First Among Equals: The Prime Minister in Canadian Life and Politics

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/primeministers/kids/

- Themes:** Politics and government, notable people and accomplishments
- Subjects:** History, social studies, civics, language arts
- About:** The lives of Canada's prime ministers
- Resources:** Classroom activities

Through a Lens

Dieppe in Photography and Film

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/dieppe/

- Themes:** War and military
- Subjects:** History, social studies
- About:** Photos, newsreels, rare film footage captured from Germany
- Resources:** Classroom activities

Canadian Olympians

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/olympians/

- A database of more than 10,000 images relating to Canada's Olympians
- Themes:** Sports, notable people and accomplishments
- Subjects:** History, social studies, language arts, visual arts
- Resources:** Classroom activities and games

Files of the Northwest Mounted Police

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/nwmp-pcno/

Themes: Exploration and settlement, Aboriginal peoples, Canadian government

Subjects: History, social studies, language arts

About: Personal stories and service records of young recruits to the Northwest Mounted Police

Resources: Classroom activities and critical thinking challenges

The Diary of William Lyon Mackenzie King

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/education/king/

Themes: Politics and government, notable people, war and military

Subjects: History, social studies, language arts

About: Exploring the life and diary of Canada's longest serving prime minister

Resources: Two complete teaching units

Confederation for Kids

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/confederation/kids/

Themes: Politics and government, notable people

Subjects: History, social studies

About: The shaping of Canada and Confederation

Resources: Classroom activities

ArtVenture: A Collector's Challenge

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/education/art/

Themes: The arts

Subjects: Visual arts, history, language arts

About: A virtual visit to an art shop in London, England to collect Canadian art

Resources: Classroom activities

Canadian Mail Order Catalogues

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/mailorder/

Themes: Exploration and settlement

Subjects: History, social studies, language arts

About: Mail order catalogues and early Canadian communities

Resources: Classroom activities

The Virtual Gramophone Canadian Historical Sound Recordings

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Backcheck: Hockey for Kids

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/hockey/kids/

- Themes:** Sports and leisure, notable people and accomplishments
- Subjects:** History, media awareness, language arts, social studies
- About:** Rare documents relating to hockey and the historic development of the sport
- Resources:** Classroom activities

Bon Appétit! A Celebration of Canadian Cookbooks

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/cuisine/

- Themes:** Exploration and settlement
- Subjects:** Social studies, science, language arts
- About:** Culinary traditions of early settlers and indigenous peoples
- Resources:** Four subthemes and nineteen classroom activities

Life of a Rock Star

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/rock/

- Themes:** Exploration and settlement, notable people and accomplishments
- Subjects:** Geology, geography, history, social studies
- About:** The Geological Survey of Canada
- Resources:** Classroom activities

Cool Canada

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/cool/

Themes: Notable people and accomplishments, disasters and phenomena

Subjects: Social studies, language arts

About: Inventions, phenomena, places and people of Canada

Resources: Classroom activities

Sheet Music from Canada's Past

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/sheetmusic/

Themes: The arts

Subjects: Visual arts, music, language arts

About: Historical Canadian sheet music and album covers with a searchable database

Resources: Classroom activities

SOS! Canadian Disasters

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/sos/

Themes: Disasters and phenomena

Subjects: History, social studies, language arts

About: Disasters that changed Canadian society and communities

Resources: A complete teaching unit

Expo 67: Man and His World

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/education/expo/

Themes: Notable people and accomplishments, sports and leisure

Subjects: Language arts, history, social studies, science

About: The historic world fair in Montréal

Resources: Fourteen classroom activities

Secondary
Ages 15 to 18



LAC Forum on Canadian Democracy

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/democracy/

- Themes:** Politics and government
Subjects: Civics, history, social studies
About: The study and discussion of Canada's democratic system
Resources: Complete teaching units and classroom activities

The Canadian State: Documents and Dialogue

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/canadian-state/

- Themes:** Politics and government
Subjects: History, social studies, language arts
About: Historic departmental documents of the Canadian government
Resources: A complete election teaching unit

First Among Equals: The Prime Minister in Canadian Life and Politics

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Lest We Forget

First World War Cenotaph Research

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/education/cenotaphresearch/

Themes: War and military, notable people

Subjects: History, social studies

About: Research into the lives and military experience of First World War soldiers using original historic records

Resources: A complete teaching unit

Under a Northern Star

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/northern-star/

Themes: Exploration and settlement, multiculturalism, notable people

Subjects: History, social studies, language arts

About: Black communities in Canada and understanding social change through people and places

Resources: A complete teaching unit

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Canada and the First World War

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/education/firstworldwar/

- Themes:** War and military, politics and government
Subjects: History, social studies, civics
About: Those who served in the war and the effects of the war on society
Resources: Classroom activities

Celebrating Women's Achievements

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/women/

- Themes:** Notable people, politics and government
Subjects: History, social studies, language arts
About: The lives and accomplishments of Canadian women
Resources: Classroom activities

Tales from the Vault! Canadian Pulp Fiction, 1940–1952

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/pulp/

- Themes:** Literature, the arts
Subjects: Language arts, creative writing, social studies
About: The Canadian pulp art and fiction collection
Resources: A complete teaching unit

Canadian Writers

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/writers/

- Themes:** Literature, the arts
Subjects: Language arts, literature, creative writing
About: A manuscript gallery and overview of famous Canadian writers
Resources: A complete teaching unit

A Nation's Chronicle: The Canada Gazette

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/canada-gazette/

- Themes:** Politics and government, exploration and settlement, Aboriginal peoples
- Subjects:** Civics, history, social studies, language arts
- About:** Canada's official journal and database covering issues from the 1800s onward
- Resources:** Complete teaching units on the *Canada Gazette* and historic sources, the democratic process, the Irish potato famine, SARS, and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway

Project Naming

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/inuit/

- Themes:** Aboriginal peoples, the arts, notable people
- Subjects:** Language arts, social studies, visual arts, photography
- About:** Exploring the stories behind the photographs of Inuit people
- Resources:** Classroom activities

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Susanna Moodie and Catharine Parr Trail

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/moodie-trail/

- Themes:** Literature, notable people, exploration and settlement
- Subjects:** History, social studies, language arts
- About:** Manuscript collections and biographies of authors Moodie and Trail
- Resources:** Classroom activities

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