Unit: Western Canada (British Columbia)

Time frame for completion: 2-3 weeks

Competencies

- \checkmark To understand the organization of a society in its territory (C2)
- \checkmark To interpret change in a society and its territory (C3)
- \checkmark To be open to the diversity of societies and their territories (C4)

Objectives

✓ Investigate and understand elements of the province of British Columbia including: First Nations groups, landforms, urban centers, natural resources/industries, recreational activities.

Assessment criteria

- ✓ To demonstrate knowledge of the Haida First Nations (culture, identity, history, traditions)
- ✓ To locate and identify British Columbia on a map of Canada (including capital and major cities/regions)
- To know and understand the various landforms in BC and how they relate to the use of natural resources and recreational activities in the province
- \checkmark Know the bodies of water on the coast of the province and the boarders (including US)

- Students can create a packing list and travel itinerary for a week long trip to Vancouver with a 2-day stop over in Haida Gwaii. Get students to think about what kind of clothes they might need (how is the temperature different in BC than Nunavik?) Have students research different activities to do while on their trip
- Suggested criteria for the itinerary: One visit to learn about the use of BCs natural resources (ex: wind/water plant, coal mine, etc...), 2 cultural activities in an urban setting (visiting a museum for example), two recreational activities in the region (ex: skiing, kayaking, etc.), plans for visiting Haida Gwaii (what to do when they are there?)

Overview of lessons				
Topic 1:	Topic 2:	Topic 3:	Topic 4:	
Haida First Nations	BCs landscapes and	Urban centers in BC	Natural resources and	
	recreation		industries in BC	
- Who are the Haida?	- What are some of the	- What are the major	- What are the main	
- Culture	landscapes in BC?	cities in the province?	industries in BC?	
- History	(mountain regions,	- What are the	- What impact does this	
- Language	coastal regions)	demographics of these	have on the community?	
- Art	- How do these	cities?	- Are these industries	
- Are there similarities	landscapes influence	- What are some things	good/bad for the	
and differences	the recreational	to do in the cities?	environment?	
between the Haida and	activities of those in			
the Inuit?	the region?			

Cross-curricular connect	Cross-curricular connections					
Arts:	Math: - Budgeting for a trip	Science: - Natural resources	Language: - Procedural writing	Others:		

Competencies

- \checkmark To understand the organization of a society in its territory (C2)
- \checkmark To be open to the diversity of societies and their territories (C4)

Objectives

- ✓ To build understanding of Northern Communities throughout Canada
- ✓ To develop a sense of community action with regards to Climate Change and its affects on the North
- \checkmark To know and understand the physical geography of Northern Canada

Assessment criteria

- \checkmark Students can compare and contrast two or more communities
- ✓ Students are able to locate these Northern regions on a map of Canada, including capitals, major cities/regions, bodies of water, boarders, etc....
 - Students can identify and discuss impacts of global warming on the people, animals and land of the north

- Project on the status of the North amidst global warming: create a poster, advertisement, research project, opinion writing piece, etc...
- ✓ Suggested prompting questions to guide students:
 - What is global warming?
 - Who is at fault?
 - Can we stop it? How?
 - What areas are most at risk?
 - Who has been most impacted by global warming?
 - Does it matter? Why or why not?

Overview of lessons			
Topic 1:	Topic 2:	Topic 3:	
Nunavik and Nunavut	Northwest Territories	What is climate change?	
	and Yukon		
 Location of Nunavik 	- Bodies of water	- Introduce concept of	
and Nunavut on a map	- Landscapes	pollution (what is it,	
- Bodies of water in	- Animals	what does it look like,	
both regions	- Beliefs/traditions of	why does it happen)	
- Learn about the	Inuit and other First	- Investigate the cause	
animals in both regions	Nations groups in the	of climate change over	
- Compare 2	Yukon and Northwest	the last 100 years	
communities in both	Territories		
regions	- Locate NWT and Yukon		
- Landscapes	on a map		
- Cultures: similarities			
and differences			
between Nunavimmiut			
and Nunavummiut			

Cross-curricular				
Arts:	Math:	Science: - Arctic ecosystems and habitats - Temperature changes - Climate change - Pollution	Language: - Persuasive writing - Research skills	Others:

Unit: Ontario

Competencies

- \checkmark To understand the organization of a society in its territory (C2)
- \checkmark To interpret change in a society and its territory (C3)

Objectives

- To investigate the concept of urbanization and the growing population of Ontario's city centers and the impacts this has on the environment, jobs, housing and land.
- \checkmark To be introduced to the levels of government in Canada
- ✓ To gain knowledge and understanding of the geographical features of the province (including bodies of water, boarders, land formations

Assessment criteria

- ✓ Students will know and be able to list major bodies of water (Bays and Great Lakes)
- ✓ Students will be able to identify causes and effects of urban sprawl and compare and contract rural and urban territories
- ✓ Students will be able to demonstrate understanding of basic functions of the government in Canada.
- ✓ Students will be able to see connections between the roles of the government and their daily lives

- Students will create a promotional poster in an attempt to attract people from Ontario's urban centers to a more rural environment (or vice versa)
- ✓ These posters can use images and text to show the benefits of living in either a rural or urban center
- ✓ Students can use statistics about housing, cost of living, jobs and other elements to help them develop their narratives

Overview of lessons			
Topic 1:	Topic 2:	Topic 3:	Topic 4 :
Bodies of water in	Other geographical	Urbanization of Ontario	Federal government
Ontario	features		
- Great Lakes	- Agriculture in Ontario	- What does	- What is the Federal
- What kinds of	✓ Is it different	urbanization mean?	government? How is it
resources, population	than the	- Is urbanization good	different from KRG?
growth, tourism, etc. do	prairies?	or bad? Why or why	- What kinds of things
the lakes contribute to	- What kinds of	not?	is the government
in Ontario?	landforms are there in	✓ What are the	responsible for?
- Investigate the	Ontario?	pros and cons	- How do we decide who
Hudson's Bay	✓ Does this have a	✓ Impacts on the	is in charge?
✓ Resources	connection to	environment	- How does the
✓ Impacts on	where people	- Housing shortages and	government impact our
population	live?	high cost of living in	lives?
\checkmark Changes over the		cities in Ontario	✓ Northern
last 100 years		\checkmark Why does this	subsidies
✓ Animals		happen?	✓ Connections to
		✓ How can we	residential
		combat this?	schooling
			 Education

Arts:	Math:	Science:	Language:	Others:
		- Ecosystems and	jj_	
		habitats in The Great		
		Lakes		
		- Types of pollution		
		(noise pollution in		
		Toronto)		

Unit: Quebec

Competencies

- \checkmark To understand the organization of a society in its territory (C2)
- \checkmark To interpret change in a society and its territory (C3)
- \checkmark To be open to the diversity of societies and their territories (C4)

Objectives

- ✓ To gain knowledge and understanding of Quebec geography (land forms, bodies of water, boarders), language, culture and resources and industries (ex: hydro-electricity and maple syrup)
- ✓ To develop primary knowledge of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement
- ✓ To investigate various regions and resources in Quebec using provincial parks of the Gaspésie and Mont-Tremblant
- ✓ To investigate and understand life, culture, traditions and language of various first nations groups in the southern part of the province (specifically the Cree and Anishinaabe) in comparison to the Inuit of Quebec

Assessment criteria

- ✓ Students will be able to locate Quebec on a map of Canada and identify major bodies of water and boarding provinces
- ✓ Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of at least one natural resource in Quebec and how it is used including the benefits and consequences
- ✓ Students will demonstrate understanding of Quebec geographical features using information gathered through the investigation of two provincial parks
- ✓ Students will be able to compare and contrast two Indigenous communities of southern Quebec with each other and with the ways of life of the Inuit of Quebec

- Plan a visit to a provincial park in Quebec (research which one you would like to go to), answer the following questions: how will you get there, how will you get around the park, how long will you stay, where will you sleep, what do you need to bring, what kind of animals will you see, what kind of landscapes will you see
- ✓ This information can be presented in a brochure, pamphlet, poster, journal entry, structured writing, non-fiction book

Overview of lessons				
Topic 1:	Topic 2:	Topic 3:	Topic 4 :	
Geography and language	Resources and JBNQA	Cree and Anishinaabe	Provincial parks	
- Location on a map	- Maple syrup industry:	- The Cree and the	- Focus on 2 provincial	
- Landforms	how does it work, why is	JBNQA	parks	
 Capitals and other 	it so popular, what do	- Anishinaabe in Quebec	🗸 Gaspesie	
major cities	we use maple syrup for	- Ways of life,	✓ Mont-Tremblant	
- Bodies of water	- Hydro-electricity;	traditions, culture,	- What are the	
Including, St-	what is it, where does it	language of Cree	geographical features	
Lawrence river	come from, what makes	- How are they	of the regions?	
and Ungava Bay	Quebec an ideal location	different from the	What are some	
	for hydro-electric dams	Inuit? How are they	recreational activities	
	- What is the JBNQA,	the same?	to do there?	
	why is it important?			
	What impacts does it			
	have on Inuit in			
	Nunavik?			

Cross-curricular	connections				
Arts:	Math: - Budgeting	Science: - Renewable energy - Water cycle	Language: - Formal/informal writing	Others:	

Competencies

- \checkmark To understand the organization of a society in its territory (C2)
- \checkmark To interpret change in a society and its territory (C3)

Objectives

- ✓ Geographic knowledge and understanding of the various provinces (location, capitals, bodies of water, boarders)
- ✓ Innu and Mi'Kmaq First Nations (culture, language, history, beliefs, traditions)
- ✓ Natural resources of the area (specifically fishing) and its connection to tourism

Assessment criteria

- ✓ Demonstrate understanding of the geography of the Maritime provinces by locating them on a map, listing their capitals
- Effectively compare and contrast the ways of life of the Innu and Mi'Kmaq First Nations and that of the Inuit of Quebec
- $\checkmark~$ Investigate and report on the natural resources of the region

- $\checkmark\,$ Write a news report on the status of the fishing industry in the Maritimes OR
- ✓ Write a news report on a specific tourist attraction in the Maritimes (report on its relevance, location, history, etc...)

Overview of lessons		
Topic 1:	Topic 2:	Topic 3:
geography	Resources and tourism	Innu First Nations
- Where are the	- What are the natural	- Who are the Innu?
Maritimes?	resources of the area?	- Who are the Mi'kmaq
 List of provinces and 	- What kind of tourism	- Where do they live?
capitals	is in the region? Why	- Beliefs, cultures,
- Landforms of the area	do people go there?	traditions and language
- Bodies of water	- What are some main	 Similarities and
	attractions	differences to the Inuit

Arts:	Math: - Mapping/graphing	Science: - Water pollution	Language: - Research and writing	Others:
	fishing trends	- Ocean habitats		

Units: the Prairies

Time frame for completion: 3 weeks

Competencies

- \checkmark To understand the organization of a society in its territory (C2)
- \checkmark To interpret change in a society and its territory (C3)
- \checkmark To be open to the diversity of societies and their territories (C4)

Objectives

- ✓ To gain knowledge of the geographic landscapes of the prairie provinces of Canada (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba) and their connection to renewable energy
- To gain knowledge and understanding of the mechanics of Canadian agriculture and crop farming and how this contributes to the Canadian economy (jobs and resources)
- ✓ Briefly investigate the establishment and removal of the residential school system in Canada

Assessment criteria

- ✓ Students will be able to articulate opinions regarding the residential school system in Canada
- \checkmark Students will be able to identify and locate the prairie provinces and their capitals on a map
- ✓ Students will understand the connection between the Canadian economy and agriculture (jobs, resources, technology etc...)
- ✓ Students will have a basic understanding of renewable energy resources in Canada yesterday and today

- ✓ Write a letter to a farmer from one of the prairie provinces (can be a real or fake person)
- Include questions that demonstrate learning about agriculture in Canada's west and to gain insight into the lifestyles of others

Overview of lessons			
Topic 1:	Topic 2:	Topic 3:	Topic 4:
The Prairies	Agriculture	Landforms and	Residential schools in
		renewable energy	the Prairies
- Which provinces make	- What kind of	- What do the Prairies	- What are residential
up the Prairies?	agriculture do they	look like?	schools?
 Investigate their 	practice in the Prairies?	- What are the	- Who were affected by
capitals, bodies of	🗸 Animal	landscapes we can see	them?
water, borders, cities,	✓ Crop	there?	- Why were they bad?
etc.	- What does this mean	- What is renewable	What are we doing now
- What kind of lifestyle	for Canadians?	energy?	to help with this
do most people live in?	\checkmark Connection to	- Is renewable energy	trauma?
What does the	food and jobs	important?	
population distribution			
look like? Why?			

Cross-curricular					
Arts:	Math:	Science: - Renewable energy - Plan and animal life cycles	Language: - Letter writing	Others:	