

EARLY CANADIANA: BUILDING A NATION

The Orange Team:

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INTENDED GRADE/SUBJECT AREA

Grades 5 & 6 integrated across subject areas

CONCEPTS

- Curriculum matrix for a two year cross-curricular unit
- **North American Explorers, Native Peoples, Pioneers: Acadians/Loyalists/Western Settlers, Canada: Building a Nation, Technological/Social Advances**

BACKGROUND

The Orange Team consists of all students and staff at the grades five and six levels at Magnetic Hill School. The team works on a two-year cycle of integrated curriculum touching the themes of Early Canadiana, Changes, and Other Lands. This in-depth social studies unit is integrated into as many subject areas as possible. The goal is to make history come alive and take on real meaning for students. Tolerance and respect is fostered through the appreciation of other cultures and traditions.

About the Educators

Dianne Alain, Rae Horsman, Linda Mowbray, and Sandra Bamford have created six exciting interdisciplinary study units for grades 5 & 6: Early Explorers of Canada, North American Native People, Pioneers, Canada: Building a Nation, Changes, and Kids Caring About Canada. Together with their four classes of 100 students in English and French Immersion, they have formed “The Orange Team.” Their mission is to find a common Canadian identity by fostering a sincere interest in Canada’s historical, current and future character.

INTEGRATED UNIT SKILLS

Subject Areas	North American Explorers	Native Peoples	Pioneers	Building a Nation	Technology
Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Notes * Projects * Maps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Notes * Reports * 3D projects * Maps * Slides * Guest Speakers * Cultural & Religious Influences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Vignettes * Quilting * Knitting * Cooking * Dye-making with Onions * Antique Toys * Shipbuilding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Provinces * Capitals * Regions * Diversity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Notes * Maps * Moncton museum * Acadian museum * U. de M. Professor
Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Graphing * Timelines * Word problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Timeline Graphing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Rule of Three (measurement) * Graphing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Circle Graphs * Bar Graphs * Pictographs * Population * Climate * Metric 	
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Listening * Critical Thinking * Hypothetical Inferences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Sign of the Beaver * Cultural Bias * Non-fiction Reading * Short Stories * Legends * Novels * Poetry Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Interviews * Recognizing Prejudice * Evangeline * Process Writing * Journals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Anne of Green Gables * Sign of the Beaver * Underground to Canada * French Novels * Essays * Book Reports * Drama: The Québec Conference * Cremation of Sam McGee 	
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Weather * Ocean Currents * Period Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Planting Corn * Ice Age 			
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sailing Ships * Icebergs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Totem Poles * 3-D Projects * Carving * Birch Bark Canoes * Friendship Bracelets * Dream Catchers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Etching on Grave Stones * Lanterns * Candle Making * Silhouettes * Basket Weaving * Doll Making * Whimmy Diddle * Emily Carr 		
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * All Ashore Music * Canada 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Indian Reservation * The Huron Carol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Folklore: * Mon Pays . . . * A Saint Malo * Un Canadien Errant * Un Noël d'autrefois 		
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Nutrition * Vitamin-deficiency Disease * Food Storage 				