

Aligned with Ontario Grade 6 Social
Studies Curriculum

Canada's Interactions with the Global Community: NGO'S & More QR Code Posters

NAFTA
(North American Free Trade Agreement)

- A 1994 agreement between Canada, the United States and Mexico to make it easier for these countries to buy and sell things from each other.



Canada has more trees than the other countries, who want to buy wood from us.

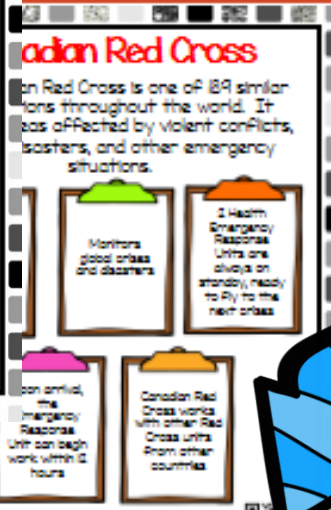
Canada buys cars from Mexico, and electronic equipment such as computers from the United States. These countries can make these products more cheaply than we can!

NAFTA allows some items to be imported between these countries without having to be taxed when they are imported from one country to another. Normally a country would have to pay a high tax (tariff) to sell its products in another country.




Canadian Red Cross

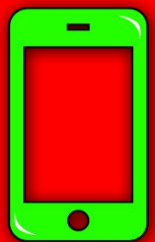
A Canadian Red Cross is one of 189 similar ones throughout the world. It was affected by violent conflicts, disasters, and other emergency situations.



- Monitors global crises and disasters
- 24 Hour Emergency Response Units are always on standby, ready to fly to the next crisis
- When arrival, the Emergency Response Unit can begin work within 2 hours
- Canadian Red Cross works with other Red Cross units from other countries



QR Codes
provided for
Quick Student
Research!



About This Resource:

Many Canadian curriculums introduce students to the idea that there are many different types of communities: family, school, town, religious, etc. When the time comes for teachers to introduce their students to the concept of the "global community", and Canada's role within that community, attention must be paid to the various ways in which countries cooperate with each other as they share the planet.

Each slide in this resource highlights a different international governmental or non-governmental organization, accord, or program in which Canada participates. A brief description of the structure and/or goals of each group is included, along with a QR code that students may use to easily access one website that gives further information about the group.

For your own information, here is a teacher-friendly description of each of the four types of international structures, with some examples of each:

International Accord	An agreement in which the signing parties are two or more countries
Program	Initiative or action on the part of a group
International Organization	Group of countries that work together to help member states
Non-Governmental Organization	Organization that helps people in need



Using This Resource in the Classroom

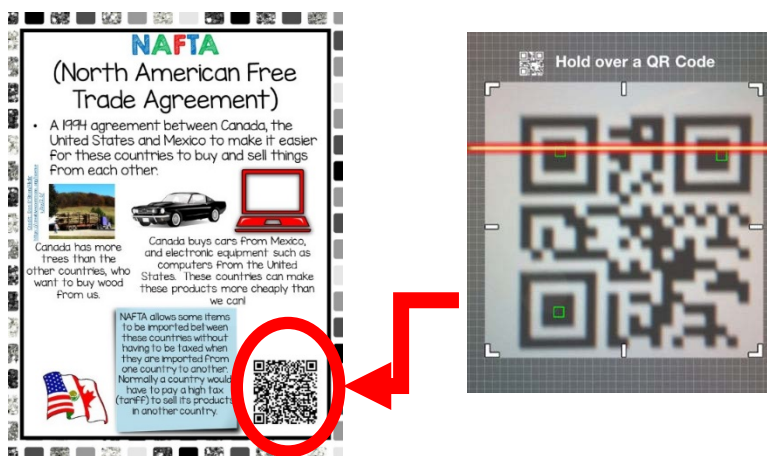
Each page of this resource contains a brief explanation of an international organization, accord, or program in which Canada participates.. Also included is a QR Code that leads students to one website containing further information on that structure. Whenever possible, I have chosen the most child-friendly, reliable site that would be accessible to students.

To access these websites, students will require a device that is connected to the internet (ie. A smartphone or tablet), with any QR Code app. You may want to use this link to find out more about which apps would work best for the devices in your room:

<http://www.visualead.com/qr-code-tutorials/what-is-the-best-qr-code-reader>

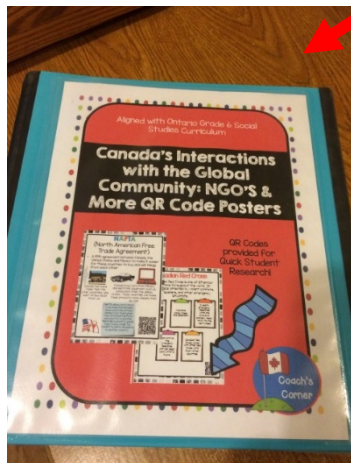
Once a student has a device with a QR Code reader installed on a device, he/she simply

- opens the app,
- Holds the device so that it's clearly visible over the QR Code
- While most devices will then automatically scan the code and open the webpage, others may need you to press a button to connect to the internet.

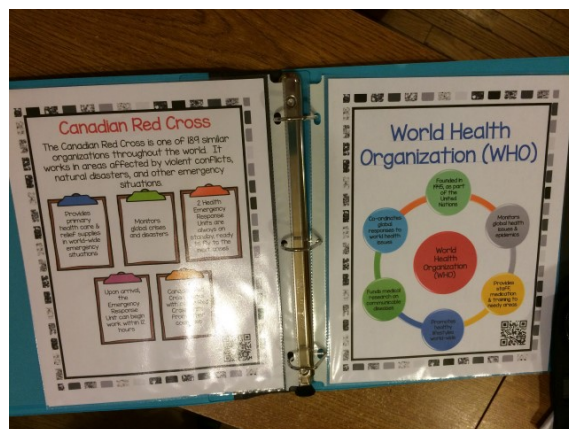


These posters are intended to provide simple introductions to the various institutions in which Canada is involved globally, while also allowing students to easily access further information when they are researching particular topics. For example, students who are exploring the global response to the Ebola crisis may benefit from learning about the World Health Organization (WHO). You may want to:

- Display the posters on a bulletin board
- Distribute posters to particular students on an "as needed" basis
- Assemble the posters in a binder or duotang for students to borrow when needed for their inquiry topics.



While this resource highlights 17 of the groups mentioned in the 2013 Ontario Social Studies Curriculum for Grade 6, be aware that there are many others that your students may want to explore independently!



Poster List

- Amnesty International
- The Blue Flag Program
- Canadian Red Cross
- The Commonwealth
- Doctors Without Borders
- Free the Children
- Greenpeace
- La Francophonie
- NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)
- NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)
- Ryan's Well
- United Nations
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)
- War Child
- WHO (World Health Organization)
- World Wide Fund for Nature

Amnesty International

Amnesty International is a lobby group that works to promote human rights of citizens throughout the world. It is made up of smaller groups in many countries. When they learn of a case where an individual or group has had their human rights denied, members of the smaller groups write letters of protest to a government official who is closely involved in the case.

Goals of Amnesty

Free all
Prisoners of
Conscience

Raise
awareness
human
abuse

End terrorism,
killings &
disappearances
by governments

Help protect
refugees
to safe
countries

Canadian Red Cross

The Canadian Red Cross is one of 189 similar organizations throughout the world. It works in areas affected by violent conflicts, natural disasters, and other emergency situations.

Provides
primary
health care &
relief supplies
in world-wide
emergency
situations

Monitors
global crises
and disasters

2 Health
Emergency
Response
Units are
always on
standby, ready
to fly to the
next crises

Upon arrival
the
Emergency
Response
Unit can begin
work within 12
hours

The Commonwealth of Nations

The Commonwealth (or Commonwealth of Nations) is an organization made up of 53 "member-states" from all over the world. Most of these countries used to be part of the British Empire, and the symbol of the Commonwealth is Queen Elizabeth II.

The Commonwealth has 3 major goals:



Improving
Education



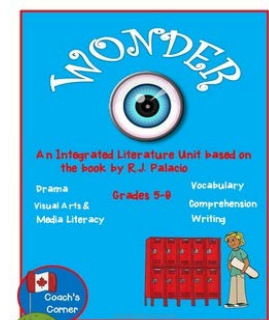
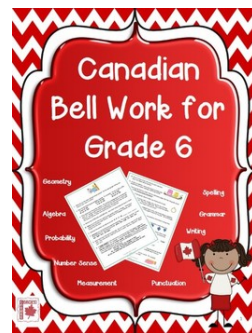
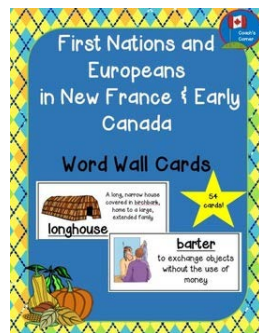
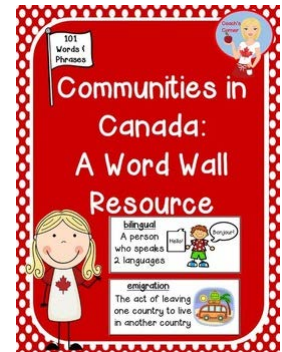
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