# Ontdrio Gr. 5/6 Social Studies

# Canada's Actions at Home & in the Global Community

Teach ONE Lesson to BOTH Grades!





# Blended Learning Using the Big Ideas of the Curriculum

## Bia Ideas

So...what do we want our students to get out of our social studies classes? Why is it important that our students learn about history and geography anyway? Ultimately.... **what's the big idea?** 

Big ideas are the major concepts that our students need to understand in order to make sense of the world around them, and to become creative and responsible citizens of their local community as well as the global community.

In the Ontario curriculum, the "big ideas" are directly related to the overall expectations, as well as to the "Concepts of Disciplinary Thinking" (see p. 14-15 of the document).

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Overall Expectations (what the students are expected to demonstrate)	Concept(s) of Disciplinary Thinking (what students should be thinking about as they investigate)	Big Ideas (what students should walk away from the unit with)
Gr. 5: assess responses of governments in Canada to some significant issues, & develop plans of action for governments & citizens to address social & environmental issues Gr. 6: explain the importance of international cooperation in addressing global issues, and evaluate the effectiveness of selected actions by Canada and Canadian citizens in the international arena	Interrelationships     Perspective     Cause &     Consequence	Gr. 5: Citizens & governments need to work together in order to be able to address issues effectively & fairly. Gr. 6: The actions of Canada and Canadians can make a difference in our country and in the world.
B2: Inquiry Gr. 5: use the social studies inquiry process to investigate Canadian social and/or environmental issues from various perspectives Gr. 6: use the social studies inquiry process to investigate some global issues of political, social, economic, and/or environmental importance, their impact on the global community, and responses to the issues	Cause &     Consequence     Interrelationships	Gr. 5: When examining an issue, it is important to understand who the different stakeholders are and to consider their perspectives. Gr. 6: Global issues require global action.
B3: Understanding Gr. 5: demonstrate an understanding of the roles & key responsibilities of citizens, and of the different levels of government, in Canada Gr. 6: describe significant aspects of the involvement of Canada and Canadians in some regions around the world, including the impact on this involvement	Significance     Patterns & Trends	Gr. 5: To be active & effective citizens, Canadians need to understand their rights & responsibilities as well as how governments work. Gr. 6: Canada and Canadians participate in the world in many different ways.

## Blended Learning Goals Based on the Big Ideas of the Curriculum

## Learning Goals

Here are some suggested learning goals that are used throughout this unit. You may want to be aware of how these goals were created!

The Ontario Social Studies Curriculum (2018) has broken each strand into three parts that match the 3 overall curriculum expectations:

- o Application
- o Inquiry
- Understanding Context

Each of these overall expectations has a number of specific expectations. I have chosen to approach my learning goals for this unit in the following manner:

- 1. One overarching learning goal for each of the 3 overall expectations.
- One specific learning goal for each of the "inquiry skill" specific expectations within the "inquiry" section.

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## Overarching Learning Goals (fied to Overall Expectations)

## Inquiry Skill Learning Goals (fied to Specific Expectations from B2)

**Gr. 5:** We are learning when and how members of the community should come together to make change.

**Gr. 6:** We are learning to explain why it is important for Canada to participate in global issues, and to identify different perspectives on these issues.

<u>Combined</u>: We are learning why it is important for individual citizens, as well as governments, to participate in important issues.

- We are learning to ask deep questions about local, provincial/territorial, national, and global issues.
- We are learning to gather and organize information about social and environmental issues at home and in the global community.
- We are learning to analyze and create maps to help us understand social and environmental

We are learning to ask deep questions about local, provincial/territorial, national, and global

issues.

Gr. 5: We are learning to identify different perspectives on social & environmental issues.
Gr. 6: We are learning to investigate the causes and consequences of Canadian involvement in

global issues.

Combined: We are learning to identify the different causes, consequences & perspectives on important issues.

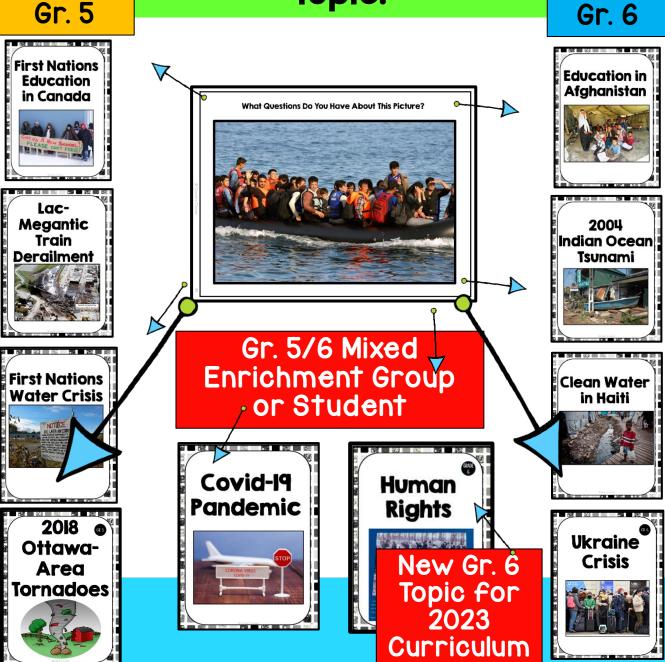
**Gr. 5:** We are learning to consider the rights & responsibilities of individual Canadian citizens, as well as of various levels of government.

Gr. 6: We are learning to identify and describe the important events, interactions, patterns and trends of Canada's role within the global community.

<u>Combined</u>: We are learning to consider the rights, responsibilities and important events as we learn about important issues.

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Whole Class Focus on Syrian Refugees.
Students Work in Expert Groups on ONE
Topic.



## Expert Topic Texts

New Gr. 6 Topic for 2023 Curriculum

## Covid-19 Pandemic

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## What is Covid-192

Covid-19 is a virus that is infectious (spread from person to person).

## What are the symptoms of Covid-19?

- The most common symptoms are Fever Difficulty
- breathing Loss of taste Dry cough Fatique Body aches

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## When was Covid-19 First Found?

Covid-19 was first found in the Chinese city of Wuhan on December 1, 2019. Some scientists believe that the virus was first transmitted to humans who were exposed to infected animals. By March 2020, Covid-19 had spread to over 100 countries. On March II, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared that the virus had become a **pandemic** (an outbreak of a disease that quickly infects a large number of people, over a large area).

## What is the World Health Organization (WHO)?

The World Health Organization is part of the United Nations (UN). It works on public health issues throughout the

The WHO has many scientists and doctors who are always looking at health problems throughout the world It has been working for more than 60 years on global health issues such as: Smallpox eradication

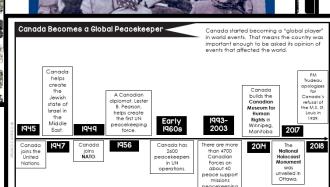
- Childhood vaccinations
- Polio eradication
- HIV/AIDS

## Eradicate

To eradicate something means to destroy something completely. For example, if you had fleas in your house, your parents might hire an exterminator to get rid of all the fleas. The WHO works to eradicate diseases that spread from person to person

## Human Rights



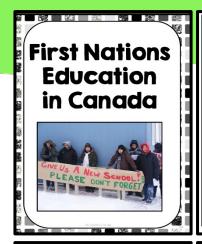


United Nations: An organization made up of many countries to promote peace and

NATO (North American Treaty Organization): a group of 28 European and North American nation

omise to help any member nation that may be attacked by another country

## Expert Group Texts: I set per issue









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Run by Band Council	Run by local school board	
50% of students graduate from high school	80% of students graduate from high school	
Lower pay for teachers, so it's harder to find and keep good teachers	Higher pay for teachers, so it's easier to find and keep good teachers	
Health & safety rules not always	Has strong health & safety rules	

## Where is Allawapiskal?





Residential Schools Timeline

They Came for the Children

http://nctr.cg/exhibitions.php



## New School Opens in Altawapiskal





## **Blended Learning:** Teach I lesson to both grades

- Lessons are focused on Syrian Refugee Crisis
- Each student then applies the concepts from the lesson to his/her own grade-level topic.

## Unit Foci

This inquiry-based Grade 5/6 unit begins with a whole-class examination of the topic of Svrian refugees, where students explore how this issue has been dealt with on both the national (settling refugees to Canada) and international stage (supporting the global community with refugees pouring into Europe).

Students will then choose from one of the following topics, dependent upon their grade level. The 2023 Ontario Social Studies Curriculum asks Grade 5 and 6 students to consider social and environmental issues. As students work through this unit, they will be working in "expert groups", with each group considering ONE of the following topics. They will be sharing what they've learned with the whole class during regular "knowledge building circles" (KBC). Grade 5 topics are kept to issues within Canada, while Grade 6 topics involve Canada's interactions on the international stage.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> last topic, the Covid-19 Pandemic, has not been subdivided into grade levels due to its uniqueness. While Canada has prioritized rapid testing and vaccination programs for its citizens, it must work with other countries from whom it must purchases most of these items. Canada must also work to ensure that their actions are not prohibiting developing countries from also accessing tests and vaccines. For these reasons, I suggest you handle the Covid-19 Pandemic issue in one of two ways:

- Assign this topic to a high-ability mixed Grade 5/6 group.
- Assign this topic only to a Grade 6 group.

NOTE: In August 2023 an additional Gr. 6 topic: Human Rights, was added due to a change in Ontario Social Studies Curriculum Expectation B3.5

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	Grade 5 Grade 6		
Social: Education	First Nations Education Afghanistan		
Environment: Clean Water	First Nations Water Crisis Haiti		
Environment: Disaster Response	<ul> <li>Lac Megantic</li> <li>2018 Ottawa Region</li> <li>Tornadoes</li> </ul>	2004 Asian     Tsunami     Ukraine Crisis     (Russian Invasion)	
Health	Covid-19 Pandemic		
2023 Additional Gr. 6 Topic	Human Rights and the Holocaust		

## 3-Part Lesson Plans: ONE Lesson Plan for **BOTH Grades!!**

## Materials

- For Every Child UNICEF Video
- Chart paper & markers
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child text
- Optional: Every Child...worksheet & example

## Getting Started

- Put students in pairs to discuss the question "What do all children need to be safe and healthy?" Students should use markers to record their ideas in point form on chart paper.
- Have each pair of students join another pair to share their ideas. Students may add to their charts if they choose after this discussion.

## Working On It

- Come together as a class and share the ideas developed by students in answer to the initial question.
- Discuss needs vs wants.
- Show students the UNICEF Video For Every Child.
- Have students return to their small groups of 4 to revise their ideas as needed, given the information from the video.
- Introduce the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Distribute copies to each student. Allow them time to read through the document and think about the question: Which right do YOU think
- Optional: Distribute the Every Child... sheet to each student and have them complete it according to their own ideas about the relative importance of the children's rights outlined in the convention. This would make a simple but effective persuasive writing task that could be put on public display.

## Reflecting & Connecting

- Have students consider the rights that they have at home, at school, and in Canada. Have them reflect upon why the United Nations felt it was important to create the Convention on the Rights of the Child. What must life be like for children in other parts of Canada? In other parts of the world?
- Explain that during the upcoming social studies unit the class will be involved in examining how the actions of the various levels of government within Canada address the rights of people within our country, as well as looking at how the Canadian government and NGOs (non-governmental organizations) responds to the needs of the global
- Ask students to begin paying attention to issues in various forms of media showing the use/misuse of rights, particularly those belonging to children.

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"Right"?

## Materials

- Sample blank Ontario Report Card
- Large sticky notes
- · Chart paper & markers
- Report Card Example

## Getting Started

- Display a copy of the Learning Skills section of the Ontario Report Card. Review the various criteria by which teachers evaluate students.
- Explain that they will be creating their own "report cards" on Canada, focusing upon how well our country responds to important issues.
- Either in small groups or as a whole class, have students brainstorm and garee upon the categories they will use to make their evaluations. If you use small groups, you may simply want to have students work on this in their expert
- You may want to keep to only 3 or 4 categories in order to keep things manageable for you and for your students.

## Working On It

- Once the categories have been agreed upon, write each category at the top of a piece of chart paper, and spread the chart paper around the room.
- Have students work in their Expert Groups. Give each group a different coloured pad of sticky notes.
- Have the Expert Groups travel from chart to chart in rotation, recording criteria on sticky notes and leaving the notes on the chart. Once a criteria has been recorded by one group, it cannot be recorded again by another group.
- End with every group back with the chart with which they began. Have these groups examine & discuss the criteria that has been collected. Tell students that each group will present their chart to the class, so they need to be clear about which of the gathered criteria is most relevant to their category. Students may want to sort or order the sticky note criteria before presenting.

## Reflecting & Connecting

- · Have each group present the "report card" category they are responsible for, and have students give their thoughts about the criteria. Is the criteria reasonable, understandable, and manageable to evaluate Canada's contribution to the global community?
- Once the criteria (perhaps 3 per category) have been agreed upon, come to an agreement about the layout of the report card. You may choose to have a small group of students create the template, or you could create it yourself, depending upon the available time.
- NOTE: I have provided an example of a possible report card for your benefit as the teacher. I strongly advise against simply showing it to the students, as they will stop thinking about what categories and criterion they feel are important, and simply follow the example.

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18: Exploring Perspectives on Our Issue, Part

## Hyperlinks to Relevant Websites for Teachers

## Materials

- Student Text: How Has Canada Responded to Refugees in the Past?
- - June 24 1979 Vietnamese Boat People The Price of Freedom Former Vietnamese Refugee Pays It Forward

## Gettina Started

- Ask students whether they have ever heard of Canada accepting refugees other than Syrians. Discuss what they already know of refugees in Canada.
- Show students the June 24 1979 Vietnamese Boat People The Price of Freedom video. (Note: although this is an American video from 60 Minutes, it will still work for Canada) Ask students how they think Canada responded to the Vietnamese Boat People.
- Distribute the student text: How Has Canada Responded to Refugees in the Past? Either read aloud or have student work in pairs/groups.
- Introduce the Patterns & Trends poster. Discuss, and then ask students how it applies to what they now know about Canada's refugee history. What patterns & trends do they see?
- Show students Former Vietnamese Refugee Pays It Forward video. Discuss how the Vietnamese Boat People are paying it forward for the Syrian refugees. (Tissues may be necessary again!)

## Working On It

- · Display and/or distribute the Patterns & Trends Foldable Example.
- Discuss whether students agree/disagree with the statements on the example.
- Explain that students will work in groups to look for examples of patterns/trends in their own issues. What things do they see happening over and over again? How are things changing?
- Distribute the Patterns & Trends template and explain how it is to be
- Allow students to gather in their expert groups to discuss their issues and do further research as needed as they think about patterns and trends.
- Again, group members may share ideas, but each student completes their own foldable.

## Reflecting & Connecting

## Knowledge Building Circle

- Have groups take turns highlighting the patterns and trends they have found in their issues. Groups may want to elect a spokesperson to represent them. After each group has shared, allow other classmates to ask for clarification or offer their own insights.
- Ask students to think about the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child. Can they see any evidence that there is a trend throughout their issues of greater protection of children?
- Have students keep their foldables in a safe location so that it may be used later in the unit.

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## COVID19 - Government Response

## Global Affairs Canada

https://www.canada.ca/en/alobalaffairs/news/2020/12/canadas-investmentsto-support-equitable-access-to-covid-19tests-treatments-and-vaccines.html



## COVID Alert App

https://www.chc.ca/kidsnews/post/high-techcovid-robot-face-masks-and-canadas-newcovid-alert-app



## How Canada Compares to Other Countries On COVID-19

https://theconversation.com/how-canada-compares-to-other-countries-on-covid-19-casesand-deaths-H2632



## Non-Governmental Organizations

## World Vision Canada

https://www.worldvision.ca/about-us/covid-I9outbreak-response



## Canadian Red Cross

https://www.redcross.ca/how-we-help/currentemergency-responses/covid-I9-%E2%80%93novel-coronavirus



## Individuals and Groups

## Caremongering

https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/you -re-not-alone-in-this-canadians-arecaremongering-through-the-covid-19-pandemic-14859369



## The Gift: Chatham Kent

https://blackburnnews.com/chatham/chathamnews/2020/10/19/several-organizations-teamaive-aift-chatham-kent/



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## QR Codes for Student Research

## Emphasis on the "Concepts of Social Studies Thinking"

## Patterns & Trends

- ✓ Patterns: features that repeat themselves in several different locations (ie. disaster responses)
- ✓ Trends: features that

## **Interrelationships**

- Governments participate in special international agreements & organizations to affect global issues.
- Sometimes an issue in one region can affect many others.
- ✓ Some issues in one region can only be solved through the participation of other regions of the world.
- Corporations, independent groups, and caring citizens can also work to address global issues.

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## Perspective

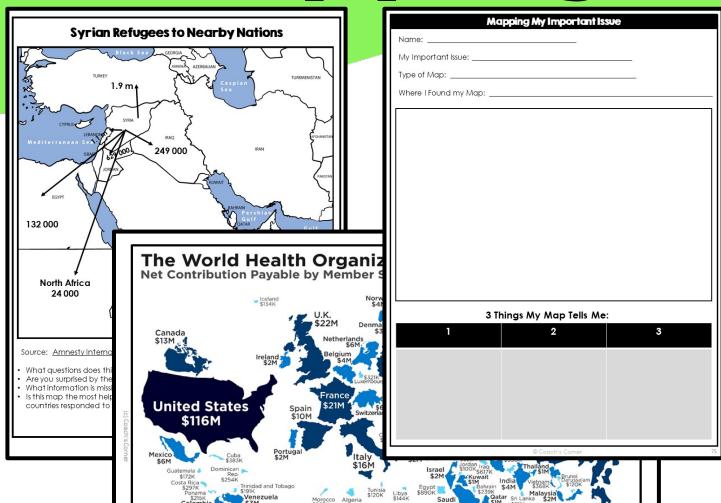
✓ Issues & events can be looked at in different ways by different people.

A person's culture

## Cause & Consequence

- Change can have multiple causes & consequences.
- ✓ Some causes can be more important than others.
- ✓ People's actions and particular social, political, economic & cultural conditions work to create change.
- ✓ Some causes have unintended consequences.

## Mapping



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Article & Sources: https://howmuch.net/articles/who-contribution World Health Organization - https://www.who.int/

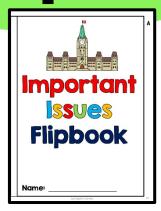
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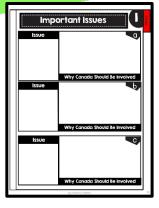
How to read this map: Size and color of the countries correspond to the value of net contribution payable for the year 2020. Countries appear bigger and darker as the value of net contribution is higher. E.g. United States.

Note: This visualization

shows the countries with the net contribution of \$100K or higher.

## Important Issues Flipbook





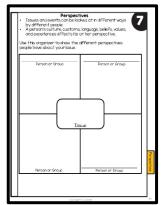














## **Engaging Activities**

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## Team Captain

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## Recorder (2)

- · Takes notes of the group members' ideas.
- Reads notes back to group for clarification.



## **Timekeeper**

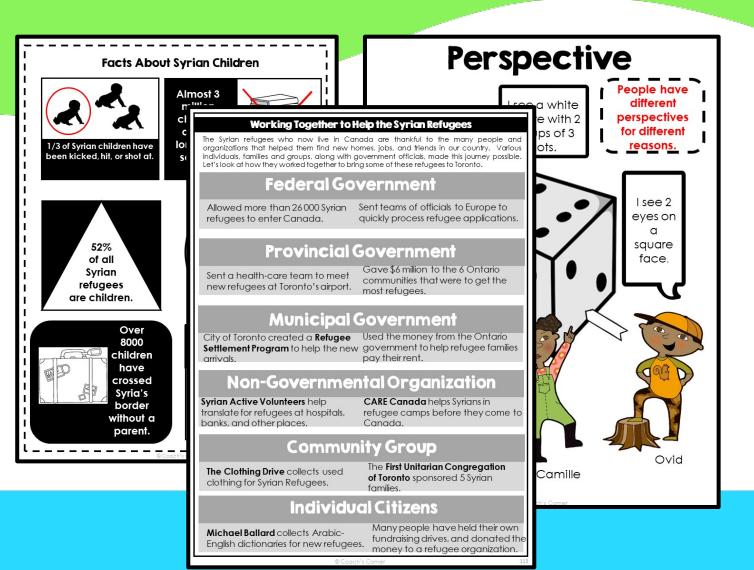
- Uses a watch or timer.
- Makes sure aroup members are using their time well.
- Tells the group when to finish and pack up their work.

## **Materials Manager**

- Collects and returns all items required by the group.
- Ensures that all materials are kept safe and in good condition.

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# Texts Presented in Different Formats



## **Assessment Tools**

## A Note About....Assessment (sigh....)

As students move through the inquiry cycle, usually more than once during the unit, you will be faced with the challenge of assessing and evaluating their progress. However, found that the best method of keeping track of assessments, while saving my sanity, is not through checklists but rather through jot notes on an organizer such as the one below, which is for the Thinking actegory of the 2018 Ontain's Social Studies Curriculum. On this particular organizer, I might check off "Critical Thinking" at the top, and then use either written evidence (ie. "Significance Flipbook") or oral discussions to assess this skill.

After entering each student's name in a box, I would then write a quick "stor & wish" for that skill. This makes it \$0 easy when you write report cards, because then you have a bank of ready-made comments. Often I give students a written "star & wish" anyway, particularly on writer tosks, so I just transfer the notes onto my "grid." Here's what It might look like for a student, Kyle:

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## Assessment of Conversation During a Knowledge Building Circle

## Knowledge Building Circle:

The good news about inquiry-based learning is that you don't have to be the expert on everything... The lidds become experts in their own fields, and then share their knowledge with others through portlicipating in a' knowledge building circle." Tow will regularly call for these circles at key points during the unit to allow each group to share their specialized learning, and for students to question, challenge, and reflect upon the ideas presented by others. Curriculum-based learning goals set the agenda for the day's circle, and students contribute any learning they have done that will help the group meet that goal. Check out this great video from Learniecach eact.ca which shows a Grade 6 class involved in a knowledge building circle.

http://learnteachlead.ca/videos/knowledge-building-circle/

So how can you assess the rich conversation between students during a knowledge-building circle® By keeping in mind the learning goalls) and success criteria that should be at the heart of the discussion, you can take jot notes of key points made by various students. These jot notes can be referenced later as you prepare for report cards and/or parent-leacher interviews.

It is helpful to record evidence of both content knowledge and inquiry skills when taking notes uring these discussions. This resource contains a template (and example) that allows for both types of assessment to be noted. Please note that it is important to remind students (and yourselfill) of the carring goal and success criteria that you will be listening for evidence of a you record your notes.

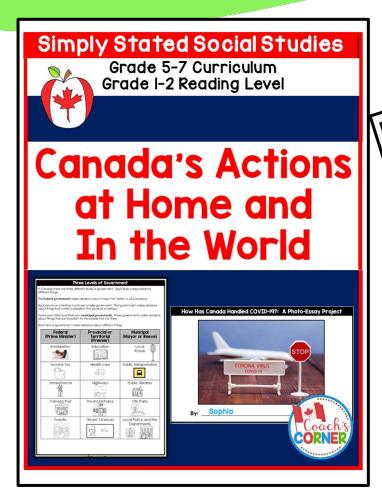
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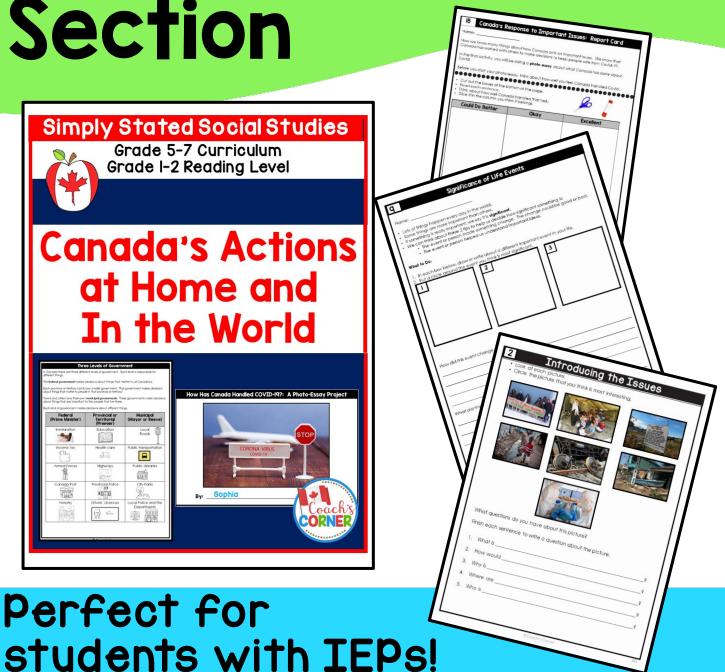
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## **BONUS: Modified** Section



Perfect for



## Teacher Feedback



Love this resource! It's jam-packed with ideas and creative booklet for students to do an inquiry project where they are the expert. Easy to follow instructions for the teacher too. Minimum prep.

- Diana F.

Wonderful resource with so much information! The lessons are engaging and thought provoking and provide so many curriculum expectations other than just Social Studies. I highly recommend using this resource!

Whitney G.

Very thorough! Lifesaver for someone who has never taught a split before.

Sarah C.