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Elementary (P-6)

ART

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Recommended for grades 3, 4, 5 and 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Phillis Wheatley

By Carol Greene

Story of the life of Phillis Wheatley, the first African-American poet, born in 1753 (Picture Book)

Thank You, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 1

By Eleanora E. Tate

A novel about Mary Elouise who wants to be in a school play about presidents with Brandy, the girl in her class with beautiful blonde hair. Instead she gets a part in the Black history skit. Then one day, two storytellers come to school with wonderful stories about Africa... and Mary Elouise begins to look at herself and her heritage in a positive way.

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LANGUAGE ARTS

Flowers for Mommy

By Susan Anderson

A little girl's search for flowers for her mother helps her discover all of the wonderful animals that exist right in her backyard. (Picture Book).

Recommended for grade 1

Little Eight John

By John Wahl

Picture book about a boy whose mother warns him that his mischievous ways means bad luck for the family.

Recommended for grades 1 and 2

Jamaica's Find

By Juanita Havill

A little girl finds a stuffed dog in the park and decides to take it home. (Picture Book with cassette).

Recommended for grade 2

Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky

By Faith Ringgold

A picture book about the Underground Railroad.

Recommended for grades 2 and 3

FAIRY TALES:

-Thumbelina

-Mother Goose

-Rumplestiltskin

-Afrotina and the Three Bears

-Little Red Riding Hood

-A Rose for Zamora

-Cinderella

-Hakim and Grenita

-Beauty and the Beast

-Mgambo and the Tigers

-The Other Little Angel

By Fred Crump, Jr.

Traditional Fairy Tales with African American Characters.

Recommended for grades 2 and 3

First Pink Light

By Eloise Greenfield

A celebration of family life and a little boy's determination to await the return of his father at dawn's first light. (Picture Book).

Recommended for grades 2 and 3

Galimoto

By Karen Lynn Williams

Picture book about a boy who walks through his village to find material to make a special toy, a Galimoto. The story takes place in Malawi, East Africa.

Recommended for grades 2 and 3

I'm Gonna Be!

By Wade Hudson

A picture book in which boys and girls ponder what they might want to be when they grow up. Real life African American role models are presented and brief descriptions of occupations are also included.

Recommended for grades 2 and 3

The Fabulous Principal Pre

By James Hoffman

Picture book for early readers from the “School Zone Start to Read’ series.

Recommended for grades 2 and 3

What is Martin Luther King Jr. Day?

By Margot Parker

Picture book that describes the life of the civil rights worker, Martin Luther King Jr.

Recommended for grades 2 and 3

The Meanest Thing to Say (2 copies)

By Bill Cosby

When a new boy in the second grade class tries to get the other students to play a game that involves saying the meanest thing possible to one another, Little Bill shows him a better way to make friends. (A Picture Book)

Recommended for grades 2, 3 and 4

I Want To Be

By Jerry Pinkney

A young girl uses her imagination to answer the question “What do you want to be?” (Picture Book)

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The Black Snowman

By Phil Mendez

Just before Christmas two brothers make a snowman and wrap it in a scrap of cloth they find. The scrap is really kente, an African storytelling shawl that has special, magical qualities. (Picture Book)

Recommended for grades 3 and 4

Jackie Robinson

By Carol Greene

The story of Jackie Robinson, the first black man to play baseball in the major leagues (Picture Book) (Biography).

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If You Could Wear My Sneakers

By Sheree Fitch

A collection of poems that raise global awareness of the rights of children around the world. Fifteen of the 54 articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child are interpreted in the poems.

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Bimwili and the Zimwi

By Verna Aardema

Picture book of an African folk tale. A story about a Swahili girl who uses her wits and courage to overcome a powerful enemy.

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By Pamela Dell

Picture story biography of Nelson Mandela who became the first Black President of South Africa after spending 27 years in prison.

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Martin Luther King: The Peaceful Warrior

By Ed Clayton

Easy to read novel about the life of civil rights leader martin Luther King Jr.

Recommended for grades 4 and 5

Jackie Robinson Breaks the Color Line

By Andrew Santella

The story of how Jackie Robinson became the first African American player in the White major leagues (Picture Book)

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A Pocketful of Goobers

By Barbara Mitchell

Short novel about the scientific efforts of George Washington Carver to produce more than 300 uses for the peanut (goober).

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Amos Fortune – Free Man

By Elizabeth Yates

A novel – the life of the eighteenth-century African prince who, after being captured by slave traders, was brought to Massachusetts where he was a slave until he was able to buy his freedom at the age of sixty.

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Bud, Not Buddy

By Christopher Paul Curtis

Ten-year old Bud Caldwell, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father.

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Peter’s Moccasins

By Jan Truss

Picture storybook

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A New True Book Series (Native Americans):

The Anasazi

The Aztec

The Cherokee

The Cheyenne

The Chippewa

The Chumash

The Crow

The Delaware

The Hopi

The Inca

The Inuit and Yupik People

The Mandans

The Maya

The Menominee

The Mohawk

The Navajo

The Nez Perce

The Onondaga

The Penobscot

The Pomo

The Shoshoni

The Sioux

The Tlingit

Brief description of the customs, beliefs, way of life, history and current status of individual nations.

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A TRUE BOOK SERIES:

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American Indian Families

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Native Voices

By Freda Ahenakew

Anthology of poems, stories, plays and articles by Native people.

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Six Micmac Stories

By Ruth Holmes Whitehead

A collection of six traditional Mi'kmaq stories retold by the author. The stories offer valuable insight into the powerful relationship between the Mi'kmaq and the world in which they lived before the arrival of the Europeans.

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FAMILY STUDIES

African Cookery

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A Matter of Style

By Linda Leuzzi

An inside look at the glamorous and exciting world of fashion. The author looks at the origins and growth of the fashion industry and surveys the field today.

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Elitekey – Micmac Material Culture from 1600 A.D. to the Present

By Ruth Holmes Whitehead

Documents the wide range of materials, tools, and techniques used by the Micmac in the creation, over the centuries, of their distinctive material culture.

Back to Africa (7 copies)

By Mavis C. Campbell

This is the odyssey of a group of Africans of the diaspora who went from Jamaica to Nova Scotia and finally to Sierra Leone in West Africa at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

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By Gae Mackwood

A teacher's resource book for working through "Alberta's Metis: People of the Western Prairie. This resource contains ideas, activities, simulations, and references.

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Alberta – A story of the Province and its People

By Marshall Jamieson

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By June Schreiber

A history of the Metis in Alberta. It also includes illustrations and student activities.

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Traditional Lifetime Stories Vol 1

By The Black Cultural Centre of Nova Scotia

A collection of brief life stories of African Nova Scotians who were born in the late 1800's or early 1900's

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Three Nova Scotian Black Churches

By Joyce M. Ruck

Three essays on the history of the Black Churches in Nova Scotia; History of the African Orthodox church; History of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; The History of Disney Chapel Rose of Sharon Assembly.

Recommended for grade 11

Free at Last

By Sara Bullard

An illustrated history of the civil rights movement including a timeline and profiles of forty people who gave their lives in the movement.

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Africa

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An eyewitness book depicting the historical social life and customs of Africa.

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The Royal Kingdoms of Ghana, Mali, and Songhay

By Patricia and Fredrick McKissack

Describes life and social customs in ancient Ghana, Mali and Songhay.

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Africa in History

By Basil Davidson

History of Africa describing its old civilizations and their links with Asia, Europe and America. Details are also given about the development of specific areas, tribes and cultures.

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The Freedom-Seekers: Blacks in Early Canada

By Daniel Hill

Chronicles the story of Black Loyalists and their families in Nova Scotia who struggle to break the chains of slavery and gain the full rights of citizenship in their adopted country.

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Reflections

By Carolyn G. Thomas

A collection of brief biographies of African Nova Scotians who were members of the East Preston United Baptist Church.

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The Black Loyalists

By James Walker

A history of Black Loyalists in their search for the “promised land” in Nova Scotia and Sierra Leone 1783-1870.

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Struggle for Development

By Mohamed Abucar

A sociological overview of the Black Communities of North and East Preston and Cherrybrook, Nova Scotia 1784-1987.

Recommended for grade 11

Born With a Call

By Colin A. Thomson

A biography of Dr. William Pearly Oliver, a pastor for the African United Baptist Association and a leader in the African Nova Scotian Community.

Recommended for grade 11

DRAMA/MUSIC

Jazz – The Great American Art

By Gene Seymour

A history of jazz, from its roots in blues, ragtime, and swing to its various contemporary manifestations, discussing the major performers and the music’s reflection of the experiences of African Americans.

Recommended for grades 10 to 12

Louis Armstrong

By Sandford Brown

This book examines the personal life and musical career of the famous jazz trumpeter and singer known as Satchmo.

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Ella Fitzgerald

By Carolyn Wyman

A biography of the personal life and singing career of the well-known jazz artist.

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Duke Ellington

By Eve Stwertka

A biography of Edward Kennedy Ellington known as the Duke. He was a composer of jazz music for the orchestra. This book describes his contributions American jazz.

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Billie Holiday

By Leslie Gourse

The story of the turbulent life of one of the most famous singers in the history of jazz

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This House on Fire – The Story of the Blues

By Craig Awmiller

A history of blues music from its origin in the 1800's to the present day, with discussions of its African roots, its influence on other music and pictures of performers.

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ENGLISH COMMUNICATIONS**Malcolm X**

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A biographical account of the life of Malcolm X who was an African American civil rights activist during the 1960's.

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The Negro Leagues – The Story of Black Baseball

By Jacob Margolies

A history of the Negro leagues, baseball teams, which flourished in the early twentieth century as a result of discrimination against, black baseball players. Some of the outstanding players and their achievements are highlighted.

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The Autobiography of Malcolm

By Alex Haley

This autobiography tells of the life of the man who was known as Malcolm X a militant activist during the 1960's. This book discusses his philosophy and his reasons for struggling for the rights of African Americans.

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Whylah Falls

By George Elliott Clarke

A collection of poems and prose centered on a mythic community in the heart of Black Nova Scotia.

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African-American Literature – An Anthology

By Demetrice A. Worley and Jesse Perry, Jr.

A collection of eighty-five selections that include poetry, fiction, essays, and drama written by a variety of African American classic and contemporary authors. Also included are features such as: historical and thematic context, biographical information, and writing and discussion questions.

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The Door of My Heart

By Maxine Tynes

A collection of poems in which the author examines the joys and sorrows of everyday life.

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Roots

By Alex Haley

The saga of an African American family. It begins with a birth in 1750, in an African village and ends seven generations later in the United States.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Historic Speeches of African Americans

By Warren J. Halliburton

Includes speeches made by former slaves, ministers, businessmen, a physician, a senator, a congresswoman, a reporter, a novelist, political organizers, and radicals.

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Volume 2 1800-1889

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A history of African Nova Scotians, which includes Ancient African Civilization to contemporary concerns in Nova Scotia.

Recommended for grades 10 and 11

The Black Battalion 1916-1920 – Canada's Best Kept Military Secret

By Calvin W. Ruck

Overview of Black military involvement in World War 1. This book points out the attitudes and obstacles that Blacks had to overcome in order to participate in the defense of their country.

Recommended for grades 10 and 11

Out of the Depths

By Isabelle Knockwood

The experiences of Mi'kmaw children at the Indian Residential School at Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia

Recommended for grades 11 and 12

The Life and Work of Kwame Nkrumah

By Kwame Arhin

The focus is on the political career of the late Dr. Kwame Nkrumah who was the President of Ghana from 1960 to 1966. The book is divided into three major sections, which outline Nkrumah's Cultural Policy, his Political Ideology and Ghana's Economy.

Recommended for grade 11

The Blacks in Canada – A History

By Robin Winks

Historical survey that covers all aspects of the Black experience in Canada, from the introduction of slavery in 1628 to the first wave of Caribbean immigration in the 1950's and 1960's. The author investigates the French and English periods of slavery, the abolitionist movement in Canada, and the role played by Canadians in the continental antislavery crusade, as well as Canadian adaptations to 19th and 20th century racial moves.

Recommended for grades 10 and 11

The Wonders of the African World

By Henry Louis Gates Jr.

The author takes the reader on visual journey across Africa and through the history of its forgotten civilizations.

Recommended for grade 10

The Freedom-Seekers: Blacks in Early Canada

By Daniel Hill

Chronicles the story of Black Loyalists and their families in Nova Scotia who struggle to break the chains of slavery and gain the full rights of citizenship in their adopted country. Recommended for grades 10 to 12

The Black Loyalists

By James Walker

A history of Black Loyalists in their search for the “promised land” in Nova Scotia and Sierra Leone 1783-1870.

Recommended for grades 11 and 12

Share & Care

By Charles R. Saunders

This is the story of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children.

Recommended for grades 11 and 12

William Hall

By Bridglal Pachai

This is the story of William Hall, who was the first Canadian seaman, the first Nova Scotian and the first person of African descent to be awarded the Victoria Cross.

Recommended for grade 11 and 12

Long Walk to Freedom

By Nelson Mandela

An autobiography of the life of Nelson Mandela, which includes details of his role in the formation of the ANC Youth League, his years underground and his quarter of a century imprisonment. Details are also given about his release from prison and how he became president of South Africa.

Recommended for grades 10 to 12

NATIVE STUDIES

Six Micmac Stories

By Ruth Holmes Whitehead

A collection of six traditional Mi'kmaq stories retold by the author. The stories offer valuable insight into the powerful relationship between the Mi'kmaq and the world in which they lived before the arrival of the Europeans.

Recommended for grades 10 and 11

Keepers of the Fire

The women, who are keeping the fires of hope and determination burning in Aboriginal communities across Canada, speak their truth.

Recommended for grades 10 and 11

Dancing with a Ghost

By Rupert Ross

The author develops an appreciation of Native philosophy and points to ways in which native values can be incorporated into court processes and their aspects of mainstream culture.

Recommended for grades 10 and 11

PHILOSOPHY

In My Father's House – Africa in the Philosophy of Culture

By Kwame Anthony Appiah

A series of essays that deal with the role of racial ideology in the development of Pan-Africanism; African identity in African literature; politics and identity are among the topics discussed in the nine chapters.

Recommended for grade 12

TEACHER RESOURCES

Africa in History

By Basil Davidson

In this book, the author presents the inner growth of Africa and its worldwide significance, the internal dynamic of its old civilizations and their links with Asia, Europe and America, as well as the development of specific areas, tribes and cultures. Also given is an account of the days of the green Sahara and the great iron age, the earliest Portuguese colonization, the coming of slavery and the subsequent legacy of violence and mistrust, the growth of Islam in the north, the sophistication of art and architecture, and the pattern behind social and tribal mores.

The Life and Thoughts of Tony Johnstone

Edited by Douglas Beall

This book commemorates the life of Dr. Tony Johnstone. A personal view of this educator is given as well as many of the original papers that he presented at conferences, workshops, and seminars over a sixteen-year period. Dr. Johnstone gave significant attention to multiculturalism, ethnic studies, minority education, Blacks in Canada, and global perspectives for education.

An Educator's Guide to Human Rights

By Brenda Bowlby and Jennifer Wootton Regan

An Educator's Guide to Violence in Schools

By Eric M. Roher

Girl Power – Young Women Speak Out!

By Hillary Carlip

Personal writings from teenage girls.

In a Different Voice (Psychological Theory and Women's Development)

By Carol Gilligan

A book about women, men, and the differences between them.

Reviving Ophelia (Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls)

By Mary Pipher, PH. D.

A look at the everyday dangers of being young and female, and how adults can help.

Ophelia Speaks (Adolescent Girls Write About Their Search for Self)

By Sara Shandler

Women in Medicine

By Hedda Garza

The story of women in medicine from ancient times to the present.

School Girls

By Peggy Orenstein

A book about young women, self-esteem, and the confidence gap.

How to Mother a Successful Daughter

By Nicky Marone

A practical guide to empowering girls from birth to eighteen.

A Female Focus

By Margot F. Horwitz

A history of great women photographers who have opened the lens on their view of the world. Also included is a look at contemporary women photographers.

Battered Women

By Anna Kosof

The author has interviewed women who have lived with violent men - husbands, fathers of their children, sweethearts - and through their own words, we learn about such relationships.

Barred from the Bar

By Hedda Garza

A history of women and the legal profession.

A History of the Holocaust

By Yehuda Bauer

The events of the Holocaust are placed in historical perspective. The author reviews the history of the Jewish people and their relationship to the non-Jewish world and to anti-Semitism in ancient, medieval, and modern times. However, the focus is on the period of the Holocaust itself, 1933 to 1945 and the aftereffects.

The Nazi Seizure of Power

By William Sheridan Allen

The author outlines the history of a small town to bring understanding to a political and moral problem of the twentieth century: how a civilized democracy could be plunged into a nihilistic dictatorship.

Words Can Hurt You

By Barbara J. Thomson

How to develop anti-bias education.

Conflict – Resolution Activities

By Beth Teolis

Over 100 step-by-step lessons and illustrated activities that give Primary –grade 6 students the tools and empathy they need to solve conflicts peacefully and feel like winners!

We Can Get Along

By Lauren Murphy Payne and Claudia Rohling

A complete course in positive conflict resolution for children Primary – grade 3. Includes nineteen reproducible handout masters.

I'm Like You, You're Like Me

By Cindy Gainer

The lessons in this book help children Primary – grade 3 explore 6 concepts: comparing, acceptance, listening, understanding, kindness, and cooperation. Includes 12 reproducible handout masters

21st Century Canadian Diversity

By Stephen E. Nancoo

Teens Can Make It Happen: Nine Steps to Success

By Stedman Graham

This is a guide to teach teenagers the process for success, how to find meaning in their lives. This book teaches practical concepts and how to apply them in the real world. It also shows teenagers how to discover the hope and self-confidence they need to lead productive healthy lives.

Letters to Marcia – A Teacher’s Guide to Anti-Racist Education

By Enid Lee

A book of concerns and practical activities to assist educators in furthering anti-racist education.

Recommended for grades P-12

Connecting Kids – Exploring Diversity Together

By Linda D. Hill

This book is designed to be an educational, inspirational, practical and fun guidebook. It shows how to guide children from different backgrounds to include each other in an atmosphere of safety, equality, choice and fun. All of the cooperative games, creative activities and nature experiences are organized according to twenty connecting skills that are important for learning to be welcoming and welcomed.

People of Nova Scotia Book 1

By Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia

An introduction to 30 world cultures in Nova Scotia with personal stories, poems and viewpoints.

People of Nova Scotia Book 11

By Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia

Introduction to 45 world cultures in Nova Scotia with personal stories, poems and viewpoints.

RCH Videos

ELEMENTARY

Voice of the Fugitive

The story of 12-year old Elvin, a former slave, who escapes to Canada with a small group of people through the Underground Railroad.

Grades 6, 7

JUNIOR HIGH & SENIOR HIGH

Unsuitable Actions

A documentary/drama that explores issues surrounding appropriate and inappropriate behavior for junior high students, with a focus on sexual harassment.

Grades 7 –12

Good Sports Don't Hurt – Harassment Does!

An excellent video which includes a handbook that outlines activities.

Grades 7 –12

A Scattering of Seeds – Captain of Souls: Rev. William White

The story of Reverend William Andrew White, the son of former American slaves, who brought solace and pride to the African community in Nova Scotia.

Grade 7, 9, 11

Fields of Endless Days

Outlines the presence of African people in Canada from the 17th century to the 20th century.

Grade 9 – 11

Remember Africville

Story of an African Nova Scotian community that was demolished in the name of urban renewal and integration.

Grades 7, 9, 11

Bronwen and Yaffs (Moving Towards Tolerance)

Chronicles the efforts of two young women as they successfully rally against racism.

Grades 11, 12

And We Knew How to Dance

This video celebrates the wartime accomplishments of Canadian women.

Grades 11, 12 (History)

In the key of Oscar

The life of Oscar Peterson, Canadian jazz artist.

Grade 11 (History)

The Road Taken

A documentary on the experiences of Blacks who worked as sleeping – car porters on Canada’s major railways from the early 1900’s through the 1960’s.

Grades 11, 12 (history)

ADULT EDUCATION

Asking the Right Questions

Adult Literacy Program

Tape 1 – Observing and Interviewing

Tape 2 – Informal Assessment

Tape 3 – Program Planning

Adult Education

The Clear Writer’s Hit Squad

Adult Literacy

Adult Education

TEACHER RESOURCE

Beyond the Curry-culum

A look at cultural diversity

Black Studies and Anti-Racist Education Vol. 1, Vol. 2

Appropriate Actions

Addresses the issues of sexual harassment among students.

Daily English

Four videos with thirteen lessons for ESL students.

School’s Out (Confronting Homophobia in high school)

This video should provoke discussion about sexuality, sexual orientation, homophobia, and heterosexism amongst high school students.

Grade 11, 12 / Teacher Resource

Eyes on the Prize

America’s Civil Rights years.

Volume 1 – 1954-1962

Volume 2 – 1960-1963

Volume 3 – 1962-1965

Volume 7 – 1974-1980

(Volumes 4, 5, 6 are missing)