

TEACHER'S UNIT GUIDE: ROARING 20S AND DIRTY 30S

As the Great War ended Canadians transitioned into peace time. Soldiers returned and the 1920s began. The “Roaring Twenties” would be a time of unprecedented prosperity for Canadians. However, the Stock Market Crash of 1929 would begin a decade of hardship for Canadians.

Unit Goals

With each of the activities package are a set of goals. These goals correlate to ministry standards in Ontario, Canada and likely also parallel the standards in other regions.

Organization of the Unit

The unit is organized into a series of thematic activities packages. These themes are organized in such a manner as to improve clarity and help students develop their own effective organizational skills. In addition, other proven educational strategies are also employed including differentiation, backwards design, project based learning and traditional methods.

Unit Themes

The following themes are covered within the unit:

- From War to Peace
- Canada as a Nation
- The Stock Market Crash
- Entertainment
- A Time of Hardship
- Riches to Rags

Unit Guide

This unit guide is intended to help teachers understand how to use the unit resources. Within the package you will find:

Unit Activities Explanation: Lists files, resources, duration and tips for each theme.

Suggested Unit Resources: Movies, textbooks, websites etc.

Unit Evaluations: A description of each of the evaluations.

Schedule: A day-to-day suggestion of how to organize the unit.

Additional Notes:

- These activities can be separated and supplemented with various videos and documentaries (listed within).
- Please note that the internet will be needed to complete these activities. However, most textbooks will also be helpful in the completion of the activities. Spotlight Canada works well. The website “canadahistory.com” is also an excellent resource.
- Also included within the unit are interactive Smartboard files. These files are excellent review activities for students and can actually be completed without a smartboard—details within.
- I hope you find these resources useful in helping your students learn!

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Unit Activities Explanation

Theme:	Files	Teacher Tips	Duration
From War to Peace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Activities Package—From War to Peace 1.2 Prohibition and the Spanish Flu 1.3 The Winnipeg General Strike 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This package focuses on the transitions soldiers and regular Canadians went through in the early post-WW I years. For activity 3 the teacher should print the article ahead of time. It is not included due to copyright restrictions. 	2 Classes
Canada as a Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Activities Package—Canada as a Nation 2.2 Booming Economy 4.1 SMB Review Activity—Roaring Twenties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This package focuses on the prosperity of the 1920s. The website “canadahistory.com” is an excellent resource. In conjunction with this package student should also work on the Smartboard Review Activity. This can be done on a Smartboard or at any computer through the website listed below. No need to install any programs just open up the Smartboard file from the website. A great review activity. <p style="text-align: center;">http://express.smarttech.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Episode 12 of the DVD series, “Canada a People’s History” is an excellent resource. This episode starts in 1915 so you should start at a later point in the DVD. 	2 Classes
The Stock Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 Stock Market Game 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This game is a great transition to the Depression. Students will be very excited. Change the names of the companies to fit your class. Cover all the terms of the stock market the day before the game. The game itself will likely take the whole class. Print off the shares well ahead of time. For each slide allow students to calculate their total worth and then allow them to trade with other classmates. Each slide should take 3-4 minutes. 	1 Class

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Theme:	Files	Teacher Tips	Duration
A Time of Hardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1 Activities Package—A Time of Hardship 6.2 Stock Market Crash and the Causes of the Great Depression 6.3 The Effects of the Great Depression 8.1 SMB Review Activity—Dirty 30s 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This theme covers the causes of the Depression and what Canadians experienced. In conjunction with this package student should also work on the Smartboard Review Activity. This can be done on a Smartboard or at any computer through the website listed below. No need to install any programs just open up the Smartboard file from the website. A great review activity. <p style="text-align: center;">http://express.smarttech.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Episode 13 of the DVD series, “Canada a People’s History” is an excellent resource. This episode starts in 1929 and ends in 1940. 	1 Class
Entertainment in the 1920s and 1930s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.1 Station Activity—Entertainment in the 1920s and 1930s 10.2 1923 Hunchback... 10.3 1920s The Charleston 10.4 Benny Goodman—Flat Foot... 10.4 Benny Goodman and Ella... 10.5 Fashion in the 1920s... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This lesson is an interesting way of teaching students about entertainment in the 20s and 30s. A detailed lesson plan with all supporting resources is provided. 	1 Class

Suggested Unit Resources

Resource Name	Type	Notes	Duration
Canada a People’s History	DVD	Episodes 12 and 13. Can be ordered from cbc.ca or rented from a library. Not all the chapters need to be shown.	90 Minutes
canadahistory.com	Website	A great resource for any period in Canadian history.	NA
Spotlight Canada	Text	Not essential to the unit, but this is the text I use in my class and have found it helpful in completing section of the activities.	NA

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Unit Evaluations			
Evaluation:	Files	Teacher Tips	Duration
Solutions to the Depression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1 Activity—Solutions to the Depression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a fun activity that helps students learn about the solutions different leaders proposed to the Depression. If there are a lack of smart phones in the class you may have to make the groups larger or allow students to draw a poster. There is also an app and computer program called, "Comic Life" which is more in-depth, but is costs \$6. A great option for creating a complete comic strip. 	1 Class
From Riches to Rags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11.1 Riches to Rags Project 11.1 Riches to Rags Marking Scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project replaces the need for a test. It requires students to contrast life in the 1920s with life in the 1930s. It is a differentiated activity that should provide an option for everyone in class. This is not intended to be a huge project. 	2-3 Classes

Unit Schedule				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
From War to Peace	From War to Peace	Canada as a Nation	Canada as a Nation	Stock Market Game
A Time of Hardship	Activity: Solutions to the Depression	Station Activity: Entertainment	Catch-up Day	Project: Riches to Rags
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Teacher Tips:

- Schedules are always subject to change based on school events so be prepared to adjust accordingly.
- Some themes may take longer if a movie is shown to support the concepts.
- Additionally, you may find that some classes have students that need more assistance on the project.