Canada: Origins, Histories and Movement of People

Grade 7 provides a comprehensive examination of Canadian history preceding and following Confederation. The concept of intercultural contact is introduced through an examination of migration and immigration. Grade 7 forms the foundation for the continued dialogue on citizenship and identity in Canada.

**Links to Place and Nature**
- Who were the first inhabitants in my local area? In Alberta?
- Where did these first inhabitants come from?
- What other groups settled in my area subsequently? Where did they come from?
- What geographical, social or economic factors drew these different groups here?

**Links to Indigenous Perspectives**
- See Learn Alberta grade 7 sample lesson plan (1) for this unit.
- How did Canada’s Indigenous peoples arrive on Turtle Island? How did they migrate and settle across Canada?
- Which Indigenous groups inhabit my area?
- What events led to the signing of land treaties?
- Which treaty territory is my community located on?
- What are the main legacies of these treaties?

**Links to Climate Change**
- How is climate changing as a result of human-induced global warming?
- How will my community and other communities across Canada be affected by climate change?
- How might climate change impact the settlement and movement of people in Canada?
- How might climate change affect immigration patterns to Canada from other countries?
Grade 7 Social Studies Curriculum Links to Sustainability Education and Action

References