Canada-a People's History-Special Documentary
Edition #1
971.064  73077  CDROM
130 min JIS  2001 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

Building on the themes and human dramas presented in Canada: A People's History series this special edition DVD contains additional documentary footage that provides further background and perspective to several of the historical events chronicled. Titles include: Taking the West; The Great Transformation; Ordeal by Fire and Hard Times.

No Other Versions Available

Canadian Connections
971.8  64483  VHS Video
49 min IS  1997 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

This five-part documentary looks at the history of Newfoundland and Labrador, from the first occupations by aboriginal peoples to the present day. Part 4 - in the 1869 election, Newfoundland voters rejected overwhelmingly the idea of joining the Canadian confederation. This video shows that when newfoundlanders finally joined in 1949, it was a marriage of the head rather than the heart.

No Other Versions Available

Confederation
971.05  66156  VHS Video
26 min I  1992 Classroom Video

This Programme provides an overview of the circumstances surrounding the process leading to confederation. Primary source data, speeches, period visuals and descriptive narratives are used to give the student a concise and effective vision of "Canada" from 1800 to present. Includes: Colonial beginnings, American invasion of Canada, and the war of 1812, rebellions in Upper and lower Canada, Durham report, and unification of Upper and lower Canada, political deadlock in United Canada, impact on American civil war, economic push for confederation, conferences at charlottetown and Quebec, and London conference.

No Other Versions Available

The Cremation of Sam Mcgee
810.971  65525  VHS Video
13 min IS  1982 Marlin Motion Pictures Limited

This classic ballad of gold rush days in the Klondike celebrates the desolation of the Northlands and the prospector's Spartan existence. Narrator William Conrad skilfully recreates the aura of humour and pathos that Canadian poet Robert William service infused into this melodramatic work.

No Other Versions Available

The Danger Tree
971.8  64296  VHS Video
50 min IS  1995 National Film Board

This is an account of a Newfoundland family's life, from World War I to 1947 when Newfoundland joined the Canadian confederation. Still photographs and archival footage reveal the hardships of the cod fishery, life in the boomtown of grand falls, and the disproportionate contribution of newfoundlanders to Canada's war efforts.

No Other Versions Available

Gabriel Dumont
971.0540  63780  VHS Video
60 min IS  1999 Magic Lantern Communications

Metis leader Gabriel DuMont filled many roles in his life: Warrior, statesman, rebel, general, sideshow attraction. Neither White nor aboriginal, the Metis formed their own distinct culture and customs, following the buffalo in the great hunts and living on the land.

No Other Versions Available

Government in Canada - Especially Appropriate for Gr.6-8

328  65538  VHS Video
23 min I  1991 Classroom Video

This video examines the history and process of Canadian government. Student role-plays explore why we need rules, how groups make decisions and the reasons for confederation. Documentary footage and interviews cover history Parliamentary procedure and the three levels of government.

No Other Versions Available

The Great Enterprise - from Sea to Sea
73073  DVD
180 min JIS  2000 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

The Great Enterprise - For grades 5-12. The story of Confederation, its supporters and its foes, is told against a backdrop of Civil War in the United States and Britain's growing determination to be rid of its expensive, ungrateful colonies. The video provides a portrait of the diverse people who make up the new Dominion of Canada: the railway magnates, the unwed mothers of Montreal, the nuns who provide refuge for the destitute, the merchants of Halifax, the fugitives of the Underground Railroad, and the Irish immigrants who flood into the cities. From Sea to Sea - Confederation is barely accomplished when the new dominion must face an enormous challenge: extending its reach into the vast prairies and beyond, to the Pacific Ocean. But Canada blunders in seeking to take over the west without the consent of its inhabitants, especially the Metis of Red River and their leader, the troublesome Louis Riel. The resistance of 1869-70 lays the groundwork for Minnesota to join Canada, but it also sets the stage for decades of conflict over the rights of French and English, Catholic and Protestant in the new territories. Thanks to a promise of a transcontinental railway in 10 years, the settlers of British Columbia are more easily convinced of the merits of union: by 1873 Prince Edward Island has joined as well, and Canada can boast a dominion that extends from sea to sea.

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The Great Enterprise - Part 1
71206  VHS Video
60 min JIS  2000 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

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The Great Enterprise - Part 2 (Teachers Guide 71079)
71207  VHS Video
60 min JIS  2000 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

For grades 5-12. The story of Confederation, its supporters and its foes, is told against a backdrop of Civil War in the United States and Britain's growing determination to be rid of its expensive, ungrateful colonies. The video provides a portrait of the diverse people who make up the new Dominion of Canada: the railway magnates, the unwed mothers of Montreal, the nuns who provide refuge for the destitute, the merchants of Halifax, the fugitives of the Underground Railroad, and the Irish immigrants who flood into the cities.

No Other Versions Available

The Great Enterprise / from Sea to Sea
971.05  69795  VHS Video
54 min IS  1982 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

The government of Sir John A. MacDonald announces its intentions to build a railway to the pacific, bringing British Columbia into confederation, and preserve Canadian sovereignty from sea to sea.

No Other Versions Available

The Great Lone Land (Episode 1)
971.05  69795  VHS Video
54 min IS  1982 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

The government of Sir John A. MacDonald announces its intentions to build a railway to the pacific, bringing British Columbia into confederation, and preserve Canadian sovereignty from sea to sea.
The Great Possibility - Louis Riel & the Metis Resistance
791.05 67757 VHS Video
49 min. IS 1996 Filmwest Associates
Through archival stills and recreations, this film tells the story of Riel, from a young boy sent to Montreal for classical education, to his return to the Red River where he became entangled in the political scene of Manitoba.
No Other Versions Available

The Great Transformation - Part 1
971 72101 VHS Video
60 min JIS 2001 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
Massive waves of immigration, a headlong economic boom with the growth of prairie agriculture and urban industry transform Canada between 1896 and 1915. Those who shape the new society include peasants from Eastern Europe, in search of free land; socialists who try to mobilize an emerging urban working class; and campaigners for temperance and women's suffrage. The dizzying pace of change also brings ethnic intolerance and racism, particularly against Asian immigrants. As well, growing tensions over Canada's role in the British Empire help put an end to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reign in 1911. When World War I breaks out, a burst of enthusiasm in English Canada and resistance in French Canada foreshadows domestic conflict as wartime pressures grow. For grades 5-12.
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The Great Transformation - Part 2 (Teachers Guide)
71262 JIS 2001 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
Massive waves of immigration, a headlong economic boom with the growth of prairie agriculture and urban industry transform Canada between 1896 and 1915. Those who shape the new society include peasants from Eastern Europe, in search of free land; socialists who try to mobilize an emerging urban working class; and campaigners for temperance and women's suffrage. The dizzying pace of change also brings ethnic intolerance and racism, particularly against Asian immigrants. As well, growing tensions over Canada's role in the British Empire help put an end to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reign in 1911. When World War I breaks out, a burst of enthusiasm in English Canada and resistance in French Canada foreshadows domestic conflict as wartime pressures grow. For grades 5-12.
No Other Versions Available

The Hanging Judge
971.1 67926 VHS Video
24 min IS 1985 Magic Lantern Communications
For grades 8-12. It's 1858 in the wild gold rush of British Columbia. Britain wants to ensure that the new colony remains British, and sends over Matthew Bailey begbie to enforce the laws of Britain in B.C. was he really a "hanging Judge", or was he a compassionate man who knew the value of a reputation?
No Other Versions Available

I, Nuligak: an Inuvialuit History of First Contact
75364 DVD
70 min JIS 2006 Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Just over a century ago Herschel Island was a frontier boomtown, branded "the Sodom of the Arctic " by some visitors at the time. A place cohabited by whalers, Inuit, missionaries, and police; a place of contact and conflict; a place where worlds collided and lives were changed forever. It was on Herschel Island that a young Inuvialuit boy, Nuligak (later named Bob Cockney by the missionaries) came of age—influenced by Herschel, but equally repelled by the excess of so-called civilization. Through Nuligak's touching yet tragic life-story expressed through his writings and echoed by his grandchildren's poignant return to the Island—as we are offered a unique view into an often troubling past and a potentially hopeful future.
No Other Versions Available

Jim Settee - The Way Home
75373 DVD
48 min IS 2009 Mcnabb/Connolly Films
On a summer day in the late 1950s, after three days of combing the bush for a lost boy, a desperate search team in Prince Albert National Park called in Jim Settee. In just two hours, tracking over six miles of muskeg, Jim found the boy alive. Fifty years later, the filmmakers search for how Jim brought that boy home leads her into our universal search for home, and into her own personal home-coming. Jim Settee touched peoples lives across central Saskatchewan, throughout an area including Montreal Lake, Big River and Sturgeon, Emma, Anglin and Waskeiu Lakes. He helped individuals and communities come home—working to create the Fish Lake Metis Settlement north of Prince Albert; keeping the oral history of First Nations and Metis communities alive; connecting people of diverse cultures through stories of their own heritage. At 86, Jim came home to his own lifelong calling to become the oldest man to be ordained in the history of the Anglican Church—continuing a rich family legacy, and renewing the church his father lead at Little Red River Reserve. The Way Home is the story of Jims remarkable life, deeply rooted in spirit, and in the land.
No Other Versions Available

John a. - Birth of a Country
75947 DVD
90 min IS 2011 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
John a. Birth of a Country exposes the passionate struggle between John a. Macdonald, the charismatic leader of the Conservative Party and his opponent, the fiercely determined George Brown, leader of what would become the Liberal party and founder of Toronto's Globe Newspaper. Both were driven by dramatically different visions for this country, with a deep hatred for each other, and battled to dominate the shape of our future. Includes teachers guide.
No Other Versions Available

John a Macdonald (10140)
971 60856 VHS Video
30 min ISA IS 1999 Magic Lantern Communications
John a. MacDonald, 'old tomorrow', talks about the threat of the fenians, the railway, Louis riel, and confederation. Robert Christie plays Canada's first prime Minister - in-veterate procrastinator, brilliant orator, and immoderate drinker.
No Other Versions Available

John Ware: African-Canadian Cowboy
920 63771 VHS Video
60 min IS 1999 Magic Lantern Communications
John ware was freed from slavery after the civil war and was hired on a cattle drive from Texas to Idaho. From there he joined a cattle drive to the bar U ranch at high River. He soon became a well-known rancher and owner of his own spread on sheep creek and the red deer River. Everywhere you travel in Alberta's range country someone will mention John ware - pioneer and rancher.
No Other Versions Available

North West Mounted Police
75595 DVD
22 min J 2005 AV Discovery
This famous body of policemen require no introduction. From their original command to police the vast western regions of the new Dominion of Canada, this small band of men won honour and fame. The program follows their history from their formation as the N.W.M.P., through the Northwest Rebellions, Klondike Gold Rush to their status as the R.C.M.P.
No Other Versions Available
Northwest Rebellion: 1885
971.054 70403 VHS Video 20 min I 1977 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
In March 1885, Prime Minister John A. MacDonald launched a massive military attack against some 600 Indians and Metis who were fighting desperately for their right to a place in the Northwest. This video explores the reasons for the rebellion and depicts the events leading up to and including the final battle at Batoche.
No Other Versions Available

The Pathfinders - Part 1 (Teachers Guide 71079)
75593 DVD 35 min I 1991 A-V Discovery
This video presents the history and growth of the Canadian West from the days of the fur traders through to the present. Topics covered include: Selkirk Settlements, Red River, Fur War, N.W.M.P., C.P.R., the two Riel Rebellions, the migrations of immigrants, World War One, Winnipeg General Strike, C.C.F., the 1920's, the depression and dust bowls of the 1930's, On to Ottawa Trek, the Farmer Movements, The Women's Movements, World War Two, The Wheat Co-Operatives, Oil Industry, Forestry Industry and the growth and challenges of the last four decades.
No Other Versions Available

The Pathfinders - The opening of the Canadian West
971.2 70386 VHS Video 35 min I 1991 A-V Discovery
This video presents the history and growth of the Canadian West from the days of the fur traders through to the present. Topics covered include: Selkirk Settlements, Red River, Fur War, N.W.M.P., C.P.R., the two Riel Rebellions, the migrations of immigrants, World War One, Winnipeg General Strike, C.C.F., the 1920's, the depression and dust bowls of the 1930's, On to Ottawa Trek, the Farmer Movements, The Women's Movements, World War Two, The Wheat Co-Operatives, Oil Industry, Forestry Industry and the growth and challenges of the last four decades.
No Other Versions Available

Our Roots, Our Future
72230 VHS Video 50 pce JI 2001
Places in Time examines some of the places, people and events that shaped our country. It is a journey through Canada's twenty thousand year history. The video, Places in Time will take you from coast to coast through more than fifty of Canada's National Historic Sites, from the isolated community of Igloolik in Nunavut, to Signal Hill in St. John's, Newfoundland, and from the Fortifications of Quebec City to Victoria's Chinatown in British Columbia.
No Other Versions Available

The Pathfinders - Part 1 (Teachers Guide 71079)
71202 VHS Video 60 min JIS 2000 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
The opening of the Canadian West is a story of great fur-trading empires; the native people who were their allies and collaborators; explorers and map makers. This epic covers two centuries and the territories from the Great Lakes to the Arctic Ocean. It is a tale of renegades like Pierre Esprit Radisson, who founded an English trading empire; soldiers like Pierre Gaultier de Varennes, who spent a lifetime searching for the Western Sea; and Matonabbee, the Dene chief who led Samuel Hearne on a trek into the Barren Lands. The episode concludes as settlers on the prairies and gold miners in British Columbia begin to claim the West for themselves. For grades 5-12.
No Other Versions Available

The Pathfinders / Rebellion and Reform
73074 DVD 240 min JIS 2000 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
The Pathfinders - The opening of the Canadian West is a story of great fur-trading empires; the native people who were their allies and collaborators; explorers and map makers. This epic covers two centuries and the territories from the Great Lakes to the Arctic Ocean. It is a tale of renegades like Pierre Esprit Radisson, who founded an English trading empire; soldiers like Pierre

Sir J.A. Macdonald, Terry Fox, Don Cherry
73757 DVD 135 min IS 2004 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
Sir J.A. Macdonald - Macdonald is best known as the founding father of Canada who united the French and the English and facilitated the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Macdonald was a deft politician, able to balance the various interests of the new nation. He led the Conservative Party for 24 years, most of those as Prime Minister. He possessed force of personality, a glib tongue and was a vigorous fighter. The characteristics that made him such an effective leader are the same ones that define Canada as a nation Terry Fox - On the morning of April 12, 1980, Fox dipped his artificial leg in the Atlantic Ocean and began his Marathon of Hope. Fox's journey took him through the Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario, until he stopped just outside of Thunder Bay. He had run 5,327 kms, and by February 1981, raised $24.17 million. Fox died, with his family beside him, on June 28, 1981. That September, the first Terry Fox Run was held - more than 300,000 people participated, raising $3.5 million. Terry Fox Runs are held yearly in 60 countries now and hundreds of millions have been raised for cancer research. Don Cherry - Starting out as a hockey player, then a successful NHL coach, Cherry soon found his niche on the television screen. Outspoken, outrageous and at times outlandish, Cherry has been called many things during his 24 years with CBC's Hockey Night in Canada, but he's never been accused of being at a loss for words. Cherry's other accomplishments include a line of popular videos, a chain of restaurants and a syndicated radio show. In addition, he has worked to raise funds for Rose Cherry's Home for Kids, a hospice for terminally ill children.
No Other Versions Available

The Railway General (Episode 5)
971.05 69799 VHS Video 54 min IS Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
New cities spring up as the railway snakes across the prairies. Dynamic William Cornelius van Horne is appointed CPR general manager and he profoundly influences the future of western Canada by his placement of railway stations - new population centres.
No Other Versions Available

The RCMP
971 61912 VHS Video 15 min JI TV Ontario
Tripper Fielding and Bonnie visit the RCMP museum and academy in Regina, and go to the local detachment in Lumsden, Sask. Viewers learn about the history of the force, the training of an officer, and officers in action.
No Other Versions Available
Winnipeg and the Red River Settlement
971 65581 VHS Video
26 min  JI 1989 Goldi Productions
Aerials, paddlewheeler trip along the red River, lower
fort garry and the fur trade. York boats, red River carts,
Louis riel and the red River rebellion, the legislature and
golden boy, the coming of the railway and immigrants to
the prairies. Winnipeg general strike, heritage buildings,
floods, red River floodway, portage and main.
No Other Versions Available