

**Greetings!** The *K-12 STUDY CANADA Resource Flier* has been published and will be on its way to many of you within days. The focus of the Spring 2005 edition is Québec. If you're not on our mailing list but would like to be, please let me know. You can also read it online at <http://k12studycanada.wvu.edu> under *K-12 News*. I hope that you'll also find the resource ideas below interesting ones for use in your classroom. I hope that some of you will take advantage of the programs offered on Canada this summer (see below) and that, if you hope to use either of the K-12 STUDY CANADA loan-kits next year, that you'll contact me soon. If you have any other specific resource needs for teaching Canada in the fall, let me know and I'll do my best to help you. Tina

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES** -

- **2005 STUDY CANADA Summer Institute** at WWU (June 26-July 1). So far, teachers from Washington, Idaho, North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Colorado are coming. Keep spreading the word if you've attended this excellent program before. If you haven't, sign up! Visit [www.wvu.edu/depts/castudies/k12studycanada/scsi.shtml](http://www.wvu.edu/depts/castudies/k12studycanada/scsi.shtml).
- **Annual JSIS Social Studies Summer Seminar: Mystics, Eccentrics, Visionaries, and Revolutionaries: People Who Changed the Course of History** at UW (June 28-29). Contact 206-543-1675 or [cwes@u.washington.edu](mailto:cwes@u.washington.edu) for more information.
- **Québec's Language, Culture & Society in the Classroom: Immersion Institute for French Teachers** at Laval University (July 4 - 22). Contact 206-685-6421 or [lhk@u.washington.edu](mailto:lhk@u.washington.edu) for further details.
- **Teaching Canada: Approaches to and Key Themes in the Teaching of Canadian Studies** at Trent University (August 8 -22). Visit <http://www.trentu.ca/secc/cast398H.htm> for more information.
- **Summer Explorations in Canadian Cultures** at Trent University (August 14-28). [www.trentu.ca/secc/home.htm](http://www.trentu.ca/secc/home.htm) offers further details.

**NEW NIE PUBLICATION ON CANADA** - Congratulations to Michigan State University's Canadian Studies Center for the recent *Detroit Free Press* publication of "Canada and the United States: One Border, Many Challenges." This issue includes a lot of interesting information about Underground Railway ties between Michigan and Ontario as well as other issues that tie our two nations closely together. To request a free copy, contact Jeanette Stump at Detroit Newspapers (313-222-8653 / [jstump@dnps.com](mailto:jstump@dnps.com)).

**MAY 5, 2005: QUEBEC MINISTER TO SPEAK IN CHICAGO** - If you're in the Chicago area, be aware that Québec's Minister of International Relations, Mme, Monique Gagnon-Tremblay, will give the "Distinguished Lecture in International Affairs" at the University of Illinois-Chicago on May 5th at 4:00 PM. The title of the talk is "Québec's Perspective in an Era of Globalization." The lecture will be immediately followed by a reception from 5:00-6:00 PM. All are welcome but please **rsvp** by email to [claire.stefanini@mri.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:claire.stefanini@mri.gouv.qc.ca) or call 312-645-0392 ASAP.

**ONE ISSUE, TWO VOICES** - The Canada Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars' publication *One Issue, Two Voices* is available online. The latest issue "Security and Sovereignty: Renewing NORAD" is accessible at [http://wwics.si.edu/index.cfm?fuseaction=topics.home&topic\\_id=1420](http://wwics.si.edu/index.cfm?fuseaction=topics.home&topic_id=1420).

**CANADA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD** - The February issue of *Policy Options*, published by the Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP), presents sixteen articles examining Canada's role in the world. See: <http://irpp.org/po/index.htm>.

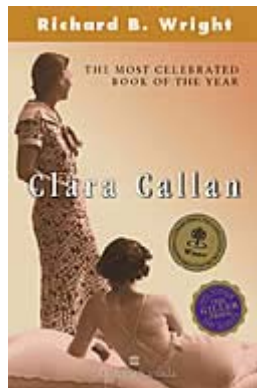
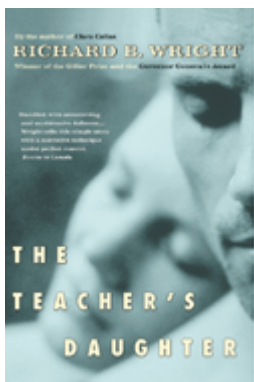
**TEACHING WITH THE CANADIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA (TCE) AND "CANADA MINUTES" VIDEOS** - Choose from a list of over 60 historical mini-movies on Canada known as "Histor!ca Minutes" and view them at [www.histori.ca/minutes/default.do](http://www.histori.ca/minutes/default.do). Teachers who don't have access to the Internet in their classrooms but do have computers in class can save everything to a CD. For teachers without class computers but with a TV and DVD player, can order a DVD for \$25 US and print the lesson plans and encyclopedia articles. Lesson plans at the intermediate and secondary levels are available for certain "Histor!ca Minutes" such as *The Underground Railroad*, *The Bluenose*, *John Cabot*, *Inuksuk*, *Naming of Canada*, *The Halifax Explosion* and many others. There are links to feature articles from the *Dateline Historica* newspaper column or *The Canadian Encyclopedia* articles.

**THE ASIA/CANADA WEB SITE** - *Asia/Canada*, part of the TCE's *Histor!ca YouthLinks* program, explores the shared experience of Asians and Canadians. How has Asia figured in the history of Canada? How has Canada treated its Asian population? What changes are occurring in Canadian society and in the global community that affect both Canada and Asia? How have Asian Canadians helped to build Canada? It is completely web-based and offers

background material, lesson plans for teachers, and a section where students can post their comments in a monitored forum or publish essays in an e-zine. Schools can even participate in debates. Visit <http://www.history.ca/asia-canada/index.do>.

**NEW MONTHLY FEATURE: CANADIAN RECIPES** - For those of you interested in Canadian cuisine, I will now add a link to a Canadian recipe to this notice each month. You can find the recipe for **Onion and Goat Cheese Soup à La Maudite** (using Unibroue beer from Quebec) at [http://www.quebeciscooking.com/maudite\\_soup.htm](http://www.quebeciscooking.com/maudite_soup.htm).

**RUTH WRITER'S REVIEW OF ADULT FICTION** - Wright, Richard B. *The Teacher's Daughter*. Toronto: Harper Perennial Canada, 2002. [ISBN 0-00-639270-9] Originally published in 1982. Also, Wright, Richard B. *Clara Callan*. Toronto: Harper Perennial Canada, 2001. [ISBN 0-00-639212-1]



In the first of these enjoyable novels, readers meet Jan Harper, the daughter of a history teacher, who has interesting relationships during the early 1980s. She is unmarried, living in the basement of her widowed mother's home. She too is a teacher in the local high school English department. Jan is ending a rocky relationship with a married man only to become involved in an even more troubling friendship with a younger man. James Hicks is not quite divorced and a father of a young son. Hicks has no education, no job and leads a life of crime. How will this ever work? Richard Wright allows readers to learn why this friendship grows and then explodes.

Wright has also authored the more recent *Clara Callan*, which won both the Giller Prize and the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction. *Clara Callan* is set in the late 1930s. Again, the focus is on the personal life of a schoolteacher who is unmarried, in her 30s, and living in a small Ontario community. This time the teacher must look to her sister living a far different life as a soap opera star in New York City for assistance. Clara finds her love life has created a dilemma, which forces her to move from her safe secure world. Much of *Clara Callan* is written in the form of letters and journal entries which give compelling glimpses into Clara's world and career.

Both novels draw the reader into the lives of ordinary young women who lived in different eras. Wright compels the exploration of the love, the passion, the relationships, and lives of women struggling with reality during far different times. Educators will find humor in the everyday struggles and routines these women had in the classroom, which allows both novels to offer extremely appealing glimpses of the profession in bygone eras.

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