

CANADIAN GEOGRAPHIC IN THE CLASSROOM

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Lesson Overview:

 Students explore Canadian Geographic's in a snap feature and create a bulletin board showcasing the theme of exploration as it pertains to their local area.

Materials:

- Several copies of June 2016 issue of Canadian Geographic
- Smart phones/tablets for taking pictures
- Art supplies to create a bulletin board: staples, pushpins, markers, tape, scissors, glue, bulletin board paper, printed student photographs.

Links to Canadian National Standards for Geography:

Geographic Skill 2: Aquiring Geographic Information

- Physical and human characteristics of places and regions.
- Perceptions of places and regions.

Geographic Skill 3: Organizing Geographic Information

 Prepare various forms of diagrams, tables and charts to organize and display geographic information.

Geographic Skill 5: Answering Geographic Questions

 Develop and present combinations of geographic information to answer geographic questions.

Lesson activity:

- Write the word 'exploration' in the centre of the chalk/white board. Ask students to consider 'exploration' as it's connected to the discipline of geography.
- Invite students to participate in a "chalk talk" a silent activity where students write their comments/questions/reflections/ideas about the subject on the board.
- Distribute copies of the June issue of *Canadian Geographic*.

 Draw the students' attention to the In a snap feature on page 14.
- Ask: In what ways do these images convey the theme of 'exploration'? Lead a class discussion.
- Inform students they will be creating their own in a snap bulletin board featuring photographs of their local area's geography that showcase the theme of 'exploration'.
- Instruct each student to take a photograph of their local area and bring this image to class. The photos should somehow relate to geography.
- Construct the bulletin board to emulate the layout in the Canadian Geographic in a snap feature.
- Discuss how each image can have multiple viewpoints. How would changing seasons influence photographs of your local area?

Assessment:

 Check for comprehension by observing how students participate in the chalk talk, class discussion and photographic contributions.

