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TEACHERS' NOTES

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June is Aboriginal History Month

June 21 is National Aboriginal Day

Check the library at Decoda Literacy Solutions for teacher and learner resources on the topic.

The Decoda library is for anyone in British Columbia.

You can borrow materials by mail for free, anytime. The library has more than 6,000 books, DVDs and other materials relating to the many aspects of literacy.

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Listening exercise

Do this exercise before you hand out the newspaper.

Pick one article from the newspaper that is appropriate for your class.

Prepare 3 – 4 comprehension questions to go with the article.

Group exercise

1. Organize your class into groups of 3 or 4.
2. Give each group a large piece of paper and a felt pen.
3. Show the class the photo that goes with the article.
4. Ask your class to just listen as you read the article twice, out loud to the class.
5. Read your first comprehension question to the groups.
6. Ask your learners to work together to write an answer to the question.
7. Read your second question to the groups.
8. Ask your learners to work together to write an answer to the question.
9. Repeat the process for each question.
10. Hand out the newspaper.
11. Ask each group to check their answers with the contents of the article.

Single learner exercise

1. If you are working with a single learner, follow the same general procedure.
2. Have your learner tell you the answers to the questions.
3. Ask your learner to write the answer. Work with the learner to write the answer.
4. Ask your learner to read the article and check his or her answers.

Make sentences

Make sentences using the words from lists A,B and C.

	A	B	C
1.	In early May,	were forced	grow quickly.
2.	It was	the largest wildfire	near Fort McMurray.
3.	Almost 95,000 people	made donations	to leave their homes.
4.	Hot, windy weather	have helped stop	to the Red Cross.
5.	Cooler temperatures	made a small fire	the spread of the fire.
6.	Many people	a wildfire started	in Alberta history.

1. In early May, a wildfire started near Fort McMurray.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Missing verbs

Fill in the missing words in each sentence.

1. The plastic can cause diseases and death.

2. Angelique EagleWoman _____ in the United States.

3. First Nations communities _____ here for thousands of years.

4. Many seniors _____ to work after age 65.

5. Caroline Woodward _____ several books.

6. Many movies _____ in Vancouver and Toronto.

What are some fun things to do this summer?

Write a note under each picture. Find the answers on page 4 of *The Westcoast Reader*













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photos— 1, 3, 4: *THE VANCOUVER SUN*; 2: *ISTOCKPHOTO*; 5: *THE PROVINCE*; 6: *TRAVEL ALBERTA*

Find these

Eight cities and towns in Canada

- 1. Cecil Lake
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

Three provinces in Canada

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



Answer Key

<p>Find these</p> <p>Cities and towns in Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Cecil Lake2. Fort McMurray3. Thunderbay4. Vancouver5. Tofino6. Fort St. John7. Toronto8. Langley <p>Provinces in Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Alberta2. British Columbia3. Ontario	<p>Missing verbs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. can cause2. was born3. have lived4. continue5. has written6. are made <p>Make sentences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. In early May a wildfire started near Fort McMurray.2. It was the largest wildfire in Alberta history.3. Almost 95,000 people were forced to leave their homes.4. Hot, windy weather made a small fire grow quickly.5. Cooler temperatures have helped stop the spread of the fire.6. Many people made donations to the Red Cross.
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