

## BC Digital Classroom Collection

The BC Digital Classroom [core collection](#) of quality digital reference resources has been evaluated for its usefulness in supporting B.C. curriculum and instruction. It is offered as a bundled license with a [central point of access](#) to bring a cost-effective solution to Focused ED members.

The **core collection** includes resources from these vendors:

[4Canoes](#)

[EBSCO select databases](#)

[Gale In Context](#)

[Gale National Geographic Kids](#)

[KnowBC](#)

[myBlueprint](#)

[ProQuest: Historical Newspapers of B.C.](#)

[Teens101](#) (teachers only)

[World Book](#)

School Districts and independent schools who subscribe to the BC Digital Classroom core collection have the option to license additional [à la carte resources](#) at special member pricing.

**Note: additional [Science](#) Resources are available to all members; BC Digital Classroom subscription not required.**

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**4CANOES** – all grades



[4Canoes](#) is a Canadian digital resource, sharing stories, traditional knowledge and experiences of Indigenous communities across Canada and North America. There are 5 volumes published and available to Focused ED members.

All resources are in flip-book format. Several are 'talking' e-books featuring sections with both the Indigenous spoken language and the English translation. There is a special OWLKids version of The Ojibwe of Great Spirit Island, available in English and French.

It includes a copy of Residential Schools With the Words and Images of Survivors (Loyie, Brissenden, Spears). This is designed for ages 12-18, and a source of information for teachers, as well.

## EBSCO DATABASES



EBSCO databases are organized by grade level focus. Each of the three databases searches millions of primary and secondary source documents, including hundreds of magazines. Reading levels are selectable through the advanced search function.

Magazines are viewable in either pdf format or in a text-based version with a text-to-speech function. On Focused ED's [access page](#) we have created icons to organize top magazine titles into categories for elementary, teens and general interest.

## GALE

### National Geographic Kids

for Grades 5-7 provides access to years of NGK magazines and other publications. It includes high quality videos, images, and maps.



### Gale 'In Context' Series for Grades 8-12

All three subject-specific databases can be searched through the Power Search option. The resource includes text-to-speech and voice translation into 30+ languages, and high levels of accessibility for diverse learners. Search functions enable users to find content at the right Lexile level.

Content can be easily downloaded, shared, saved...for use in other instructional tools such as G Suite and MS 365.

- Canada in Context
- Global Issues in Context
- Science in Context



## KNOWBC



is a set of BC-focused encyclopedia and non-fiction publications, focused on the history and natural history of B.C. Formerly Harbour Publishing, the online version includes many of their original print titles which continue to be updated and expanded. Many major Pacific Northwest resources are included in this collection.

## MYBLUEPRINT GRADES 10-12

The [myBlueprint](#) Canadian Post-Secondary and Occupation Database are components of the Canada-wide Post-Secondary Planner and the Occupation Planner. As a comprehensive career reference database, this resource is used extensively by counsellors, career advisors, teacher librarians and teachers to supports all curriculum by helping students research and learn about education and work opportunities that relate to any curriculum area. CDN Post-Secondary Database. Note that the complete Education Planner is an additional license directly with the vendor – however they will apply credit for the fact that these two databases have already been licensed through your BC Digital Classroom license.

## PROQUEST: HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

This collection includes The Province (1898-2010), the Vancouver Sun (1912-2010) and the Times-Colonist (1884 -2010). These are full page image scans, with metadata for articles, editorials, obituaries, ads, cartoons and more (over 20 types), and cross searchable with other products on the ProQuest platform. This product has been licensed in perpetuity and will be accessed as part of the BC Digital Classroom Collection.

## TEENS101 VIDEO SERIES – TEACHER ACCESS ONLY

Content: Teens may face issues that can affect their mental health and well-being. This series provides tips and advice for inspiring and empowering youth and addresses such topics as depression, anxiety, addiction, self-harm, mental illness, bullying, body image, and sexuality.

- Licensed for Grades 8-10 teachers
- Content is mature and age-sensitive. Teachers are advised to preview materials and read evaluation
- Access videos and facilitation guides from the BC Digital Classroom Access Page
- <https://bcerac.ca/bcdc-access/> or <https://www.magiclanternmedia.com/BCDC-Teens101>
- Special password required for access. This is available from your district or school lead contact person.

## WORLD BOOK

### Early Learning K-Grade 2



- Features interactive, image-based navigation
- Provides Lexile® levels for reading program
- Contains hundreds of games, videos, printable activities, classic stories, and nursery rhymes

The [WorldBook Online Reference Centre](#) (Kids, Student, Advanced, Timelines, Discover, L'Encyclopédie Découverte) provides differentiated access to encyclopedic information and a variety of ways to interact with the materials.

- Tips:
  - Search a topic across Kids, Student and Advanced to access the same content, at different reading levels
  - Use the text-to-speech option to have passages 'read-aloud' for students



#### Grades 3-9

- Includes interactive, image-based navigation and intuitive iconography
- Contains thousands of easy-to-read articles with embedded multimedia
- Features biographies, maps, games, and explorations to introduce STEM topics and promote compare/contrast capabilities



#### Grades 3-9

- Provides a powerful reference tool with access to primary sources, historical documents, and online books
- Access to real-time headlines, world newspapers, and advanced assessment tools
- Allows sharing of personalized digital backpack for collaborative work



#### Grades 3-9

- Create family histories and track science projects
- Generate easy-to-use study guides on historical events
- Craft stunning presentations with pre-generated timelines that include historical notes and a wealth of images and videos
- Integrate content from World Book Student and World Book Advanced



**Grades 3-9**

- How to Do Research? resources for educators and students
- Life Skills section to share information on such various topics as Internet safety, applying for a credit card, and smart consumerism
- Reading comprehension questions to promote deeper understanding of topics and instill confidence
- Provides article content in easy-to-understand sections for increased readability



**Grades 3-9**

L'Encyclopédie Découverte is the French database version of World Book Discover written at basic French reading levels. Seamlessly integrates with World Book Kids for parallel English-language content.

## ADDITIONAL GRADE OFFERINGS

**Districts and schools must license the BC Digital Classroom core collection** before they are eligible to purchase any additional grades within the core collection or any à la carte items.

**Licensing of additional grades is available for the following resources.** The content does not differ; it merely allows for access by more grades.

MyBlueprint: Add either Grades 8 or 9, or both

World Book Early World of Learning: Add Grades 3 and/or 4

World Book Online Reference Centre: Add any single grade from 10-12; or any combination. Special pricing if adding all of Grade 10-12.

**À LA CARTE OFFERINGS** are stand-alone products with preferred pricing options for members. Details on pricing are available on the [Focused ED website](#); member login required.

[Access Learning Video Collection](#) K - Gr. 12

[Jobs People Do](#) (Access Learning) Grades 6 -12. Jobs People Do is the educator's link for student career information. The friendly one stop career resource also helps school career/guidance counsellors and teachers to look at jobs that match their students interests, by helping them discover the means by which they can attain those jobs: from subjects they need to take in high school, to the career colleges, universities, and colleges that offer the degree/diploma and training they will need. Students develop skills by getting involved in research, inquiry, problem-solving and the decision-making process of planning for their future in one location.

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[EBSCO](#) (Gr. 8 -12 select databases for individual purchase)

Professional Development Collection  
Academic Search Premier  
Business Source Premier  
Canadian Points of View  
History Reference Center  
Science Reference Center  
Literary Package includes:  
    Literary Reference Centre  
    Poetry/Short Story Reference Centre  
    Canadian Literary Reference Centre

[EBSCO](#) Special Offer for Grades 8 -12 includes:

Literary Reference Centre  
Poetry and Short Story Reference Centre  
Canadian Literary Centre  
NoveList Plus  
Academic Search Premier  
Canadian Points of View Reference Centre  
Science Reference Centre **or** History Reference Centre (subscribers select one option)

[Learn360](#) is a broad-based, multimedia digital resource streaming service for K -12 schools. This resource includes full educational videos, video clips, audio and audiobooks, newsreel footage, audio and video speeches, music tracks, sound effects, and encyclopedia articles.

[The Maclean's Archive](#) for Grades 9 -12 is a unique, searchable Canadian digital library of every issue, article, photograph and advertisement that has appeared in Maclean's Magazine in its 113-year history (going back to 1905, when it debuted as "The Business Magazine.") With content reaching all the way back to 1905, and with a uniquely Canadian view contains more than 3,400 issues, with more than 100,000 stories. Users have access to articles, ads, and images in the visual context of the issue they came from, or switch to "Raw Text" mode to make research even easier. Users may also share items via social media (Facebook, Twitter or Pinterest), get the article permalink for embedding, or print articles and other items on demand.

[NFB Campus](#) for K -12 is a rich and relevant collection of 5,200 documentaries, animated films, interactive productions, and short films in English and French, with more than 1,700 exclusive titles. It contains study guides, a chaptering tool, and learning bundles. The content is organized around three key themes: environment and sustainability, Indigenous voices and reconciliation, and diversity and inclusion.

[Streamable Learning](#) (*formerly Live Learning Canada*) is a live and interactive content streaming service for K -12 schools and districts. The service offers a pre-scheduled calendar of programs that run from September through June. Programs feature museums, zoos, cultural experiences, aquariums, science centres and more.

[Teach Magazine](#) offer includes 3 separate digital interactive graphic novels for middle years students; *The Shadowed Road/le chemin et ses ombres*, *The Ruptured Sky*, and *Dystopia 2153*. Each would be licensed separately. Pedagogical themes of Human Rights, Democracy, Basic Education, and Global Citizenship make these novels suited to Social Studies or Digital Literacy studies. Imaginative illustrations and unique multimedia make learning fun and intuitive for ESL and ELL students. *The Ruptured Sky* explores the War of 1812 from First Nations perspectives.

[World Book Dramatic Learning](#) contains classic and contemporary plays, with activities tied to cross-curricular instruction, and mini-inquiry projects. The resource requires licensing for all Grades 3 -12 student FTE.

## SCIENCE RESOURCES FOR ALL MEMBERS: BEYOND THE BC DIGITAL CLASSROOM COLLECTION

These resources are available through a special grant **at no cost to Focused ED members** from April 2021 – June 2023. Teachers will require the authentication code to set up their accounts. These are available through their lead district or independent school contact. Lead contacts should email [info@focusedresources.ca](mailto:info@focusedresources.ca) if they require information on authentication codes.

[Tigttag Junior](#) is focused on K-Grade 2 and is a complete online resource for younger children, introducing foundational science in a simple, fun, and engaging way.

[Tigttag](#) is designed for Grades 3-5 and contains engaging videos, visual resources, lesson plans, and quizzes that allow teachers to simplify tricky scientific concepts for students.

[Twig](#) for Grade 6-9 contains 1,000+ award-winning, 3-minute videos that combine visual and adaptive learning, supported by hundreds of lesson plans, visuals, and other classroom resources.

[Twig Science Reporter](#) for K- Grade 5 is a weekly newsfeed featuring current science news and linking it to content in Tigttag. Users are required to set up a login to receive notification weekly or to access the full content.