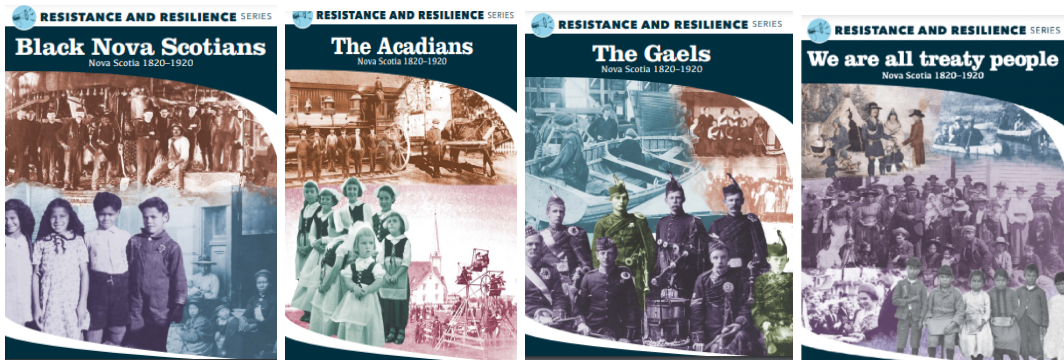


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OVERVIEW:

[Social Studies 7](#) focuses on the disciplines of Civics, Economics, Geography, and History in the Maritimes from 1820-1920. An **inquiry-based approach** will take learners beyond the facts and figures, to a deeper understanding of what it means to be a “Maritimer.” Before we begin, the students will revisit their knowledge of basic Canadian and Maritime geography.

Key Social Studies Skills in Grade 7 include:

- Perspectives and Experiences of Others
- Critical Thinking, and
- Communication of ideas

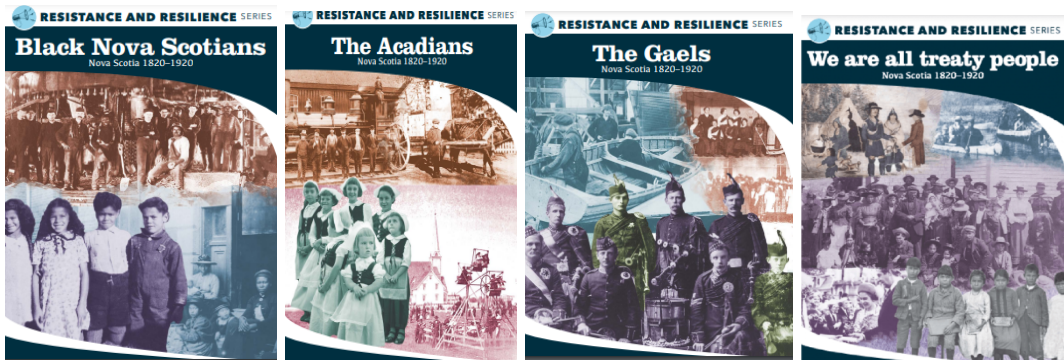
SCHEDULE:

Students will have Social Studies 5 times in a two-week cycle.

OUTCOMES:

1. Learners will reflect on the impact of government policies and the denial of treaty rights on Mi'kmaw communities and individuals in Mi'kma'ki
2. Learners will reflect on historical opportunities and challenges in the Maritimes, inclusive of the Mi'kmaq, Acadians, African Nova Scotians, and Gaels
3. Learners will evaluate the impacts of political changes in the Maritimes up to the early 20th century (Confederation)
4. Learners will create a response to changing societal conditions in the Maritimes
5. Learners will evaluate the impacts of World War I on the Maritimes
6. Learners will create responses to opportunities and challenges in present-day Maritime communities

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STUDENT ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION:

Students will be assessed in various ways, including a **portfolio** ("Social Studies Journal"), creative projects, classroom presentations, small and whole-group conversations, and student-teacher conferences. We will use **Google Classroom** sometimes, but please note: material in the Google Classroom *does not* represent the full course. You can check your child's real-time attendance, marks, and assessment schedule using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If a student has missed time, they should contact me personally to catch up.

METHODS OF COMMUNICATION:

I hope to see you at Curriculum Night. Otherwise, do not hesitate to contact me by email (earleyh@hrce.ca) or phone (902 421-6758, extension 545 1215). If you have a concern, please reach out sooner rather than later, following the [parent concern process](#).

PROVINCIAL SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT:

Students must follow the [Nova Scotia School Code of Conduct](#).

PHONE POLICY:

A cell phone is not required for Social Studies 7. Phones must be in the student's locker, or the "cell phone hotel." Exception: translation, and diabetes management.

INVITATION TO VOLUNTEER AS A GUEST SPEAKER:

Do you have a connection to our curriculum? If you would like to share your experiences with our class, teach a new skill, or offer a new perspective, please contact me. Guests will be required to produce an enhanced/vulnerable sector police check.

FIELD TRIPS

Halifax has so many rich resources for Social Studies, including the Nova Scotia Archives, the Africville museum, the Natural History Museum, and the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 to name a few. Needless to say, we'd like to take at least a couple of field trips this year, so please stay tuned for updates.

I look forward to exploring the Maritimes with your child this year!

Ms. Helen Earley