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BRITISH COLUMBIA

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In 1946, the Zalinski hit a rock near Pitt Island while carrying army supplies and fuel from Seattle to Alaska. The ship sank quickly, settling about 35 metres underwater in the Grenville Channel, not far from Prince Rupert. Everyone on board was rescued safely.

War II.

As time passed, the Zalinski started to fall apart underwater. The fuel tanks on the ship began to collapse, threatening to spill oil into the ocean. This is a big problem because an oil spill could seriously harm the **marine** environment and areas

that are important to local communities.

The Canadian Coast Guard is leading the effort. They estimate there is about 27 000 litres of oil still trapped inside the old ship. That is enough to fill about 170 bathtubs!

This isn't the first time people have tried to fix the Zalinski problem. More than ten years ago, when oil slicks were spotted in the water near the wreck, crews went down and removed as much oil as they could. Now, with the condition of the ship getting worse, it is time for another cleanup operation.

Crews will drill through the ship's hull and use pumps to suck out as much oil as possible. They will also install special dome-shaped tanks called "pollution domes" over the leaky areas to catch any remaining oil.

This operation is expected



to take about a month, but it could last longer if the weather doesn't cooperate. The coast guard has hired a company from Florida called Resolve Marine to do this work.



DID YOU KNOW

The USAT Brigadier General M.G. Zalinski was a U.S. Army transport ship that served during World War II. It was built in 1919.

WORD POWER

RELIC: An object, a tradition, or a system that has survived from the past

MARINE: Connected with the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

NATIONAL

New Limits on International Students



anada has been a popular place for international students to come and study for many years. Recent changes have really reduced the number of foreign students allowed into the country. This has created problems for some universities.

A student from another country must get an international student permit to study in Canada. These permits are granted by the Government of Canada. In January 2024, the government announced that it would approve about 360 000 undergraduate study permits for 2024. That is only two-thirds of the permits approved in 2023.

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Universities are upset with the speed of the government's permit cuts. Universities depend on **tuition** from international students to help them cover costs. Tuition for international students is up to five times higher than what Canadian students pay.

Universities are saying that international student **enrolment** is down by almost half this year. They blame the decrease on uncertainty over the government's actions. International students aren't sure they are welcome in Canada anymore, and so they are looking to go elsewhere.

The sudden reduction in

the number of international students is affecting the revenue of Canadian colleges and universities. Many are not bringing in enough money to cover their costs. Some say they are having to cut programs and delay updates to their facilities.



DID YOU KNOW

According to Statistics Canada, the average tuition for a full-time international undergraduate student is \$40 115 a year.



WORD POWER

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT: A student at a college or university who is working towards their first degree

TUITION: The money charged to a student to attend a study program at a college or university

ENROLMENT: The number of people who officially join a course or school

INTERNATIONAL

Floods in Africa Impact Millions

n September, torrential rains swept across Central and West Africa. The rains have caused huge floods that have caused damage across the region.

According to the World Health Organization, the floods have affected more than four million people across six countries: Cameroon, Chad, Guinea, Mali, Niger and Nigeria. More than 500 000 people have been forced to leave their homes. About 300 000 homes have been destroyed.

The floods are the worst the region has experienced in recent years.

One especially hard-hit area is the city of Maiduguri. It is the capital of Borno state in Nigeria. A flood swamped the city in the middle of the night. The flood also damaged the city's main prison, allowing hundreds of prisoners to escape.

Part of the reason for the rapid flooding was that the flood destroyed a dam along Lake Alau. As the dam failed, it released 540 billion litres of water into the city.

In the city of Agadez in Niger, a women saw her mud hut swept out of existence by the flooding waters. She noted that many like her don't have the money to build stronger, safer homes.

The floods are hitting some of the poorest areas of the world. Many of the affected countries were experiencing humanitarian crises even before the floods. Over a third of the population in sub-Saharan Africa is living in extreme poverty.

Many also suffer due to conflict and violence in the region. ★



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DID YOU KNOW

Scientists note that extreme weather events like severe rainstorms and flooding are increasing due to climate change. The sub-Saharan African nations are only responsible for a small fraction of global greenhouse gas emissions, but they are among the most vulnerable to extreme weather events.



WORD POWER

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS: An event or series of events that represents a serious threat to the health, safety, security, or wellbeing of a community

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: The parts of Africa that lie to the south of the Sahara

EXTREME POVERTY: Living on an average income of less than around \$2.15 US a day

INDIGENOUS CONNECTIONS

The Power of Social Media for Storytelling



Storytelling has been a part of Indigenous culture for thousands of years. Common among First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities is the use of spoken stories to share histories, lessons, values, and other knowledge from one generation to the next.

In comparison, **social media** only really became
popular about 20 years ago. In
that time, it has had a huge
impact on modern society—
and not always for good.

One of social media's greatest virtues is its ability to connect a content creator with an audience through the telling of stories. Many Indigenous content creators have welcomed this connection. Social media offers them a chance to combine their storytelling traditions with the newest ways to tell those stories.

That was the message

given by a group of young Indigenous TikTokers attending the One Young World Summit, held in Montreal from September 18 to 21. They discussed how Indigenous people are using social media platforms to tell stories, and why it is such a natural fit.

Scott Wabano talked about how the social media platforms they use enable them to build relationships with supporters, family, and communities. Wabano adds that social media platforms like TikTok create spaces where Indigenous content creators can tell their own first-person stories.

Aïcha Bastien-N'Diaye is of Huron-Wendat and African descent. She agrees that the opportunity for first-person storytelling on social media is one that Indigenous people shouldn't miss. "We need to be able to tell all our stories,

not only the sad ones but also the joyful ones," she said at the event.

James Jones is a dancer and content creator on social media. He is Nehiyaw (Cree) from Tallcree First Nation in Alberta. He found a lot of power in learning about Indigenous traditions and culture through social media storytelling.

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DID YOU KNOW

One Young World is an event where young leaders from around the world gather to share their ideas on how to solve some of the biggest challenges facing humanity.



WORD POWER

SOCIAL MEDIA: Websites and software programs used to connect with people who share your interests

VIRTUES: Attractive or useful qualities

CONTENT CREATOR: Someone who creates videos, images, or writing for the Internet, especially for a social media website

ENVIRONMENT

Should We Stop Building Basements in Flood Zones?



n July 2024, heavy rains caused flooding across Ontario and Quebec. The floods caused \$940 million in damages in Ontario and nearly \$2.5 billion in Quebec. A lot of the damage to homes occurred in the basement.

Climate change is increasing the risk of extreme storms that can cause floods. This has some political leaders wondering if we need to change how we think about basements. Last June, the Montreal community of Ville-Marie passed a bylaw that applies to homeowners living in neighbourhoods at risk from flooding. These homeowners are not allowed to turn their basements into livable spaces, unless they can ensure the building is waterproofed and built to withstand heavy rains.

Soon after, the mayor of another Montreal community also called for a basement

ban. This ban would be on the construction of basement apartments in areas that are known to flood.

Another problem is that basements are built using concrete floors and walls on which the house rests. The process for making concrete causes greenhouse gas emissions.

Building a house with no basement would not only reduce the risk of damage by flooding, but it would also lower the home's **carbon footprint**.

Why do we build homes with basements? Houses do need to be built on a solid **foundation** that won't shift or crack. In Canada, temperatures vary a lot between winter and summer. Freezing and thawing cycles cause the ground to shrink and expand, which causes concrete on the surface to shift. It is what causes cracks

and potholes on our roads and highways. Building a basement that goes below the **frost line** lessens the chance of the concrete foundation shifting or cracking.

Experts note there are alternatives. For example, homes could be built on pile foundations, where the home sits on concrete posts rather than an entire basement.

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DID YOU KNOW

Researchers at the University of Toronto did a study that estimates that basements account for 56 percent of the greenhouse gas emissions created during the construction of a home.



WORD POWER

CARBON FOOTPRINT: A measure of the amount of greenhouse gases emitted by a person, home, industry, or nation

FOUNDATION: A layer of stone or concrete that forms the solid underground base of a building

FROST LINE: The depth under ground below which the soil does not freeze during winter

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FEATURE

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a special day observed on November 11 each year in many countries. It is a time when people come together to honour and remember the men and women who have served in the armed forces.

The history of
Remembrance Day goes back
to the end of World War I. On
November 11, 1918, at
11:00 am, the fighting
stopped. In 1919, King
George V asked people
to pause for two minutes
of silence on this day to
remember those who had died
in the war.

At first, the day was celebrated on different dates. In 1931, the Canadian government decided to make November 11 the official Remembrance Day.

One of the **symbols** of Remembrance Day is the red poppy. People wear poppies to show respect. This tradition started because poppies grew on the battlefields in Belgium and France after World War I. A famous poem called "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae talks about these poppies.

On Remembrance
Day, many special events
take place. These include
ceremonies at war memorials
and **cenotaphs**. Ceremonies
usually include two minutes
of silence at 11:00 am, the
playing of "Last Post," and
readings of "In Flanders
Fields."

Remembrance Day isn't just about World War I. It is a day to remember all those who have served in wars and conflicts since then. This includes World War II and the Korean War, as well as conflicts like Afghanistan and Iraq, and peacekeeping for the United Nations. It is also a time to think about peace and the costs of war.



Remembrance Day is an important time for people to come together, learn about history, and show gratitude for the sacrifices made by service members. It reminds us of the importance of working for peace and understanding between all people.

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DID YOU KNOW

The "Last Post" is a special military **bugle** call that marked the end of the day's activities. It is played at Remembrance Day services to remember those who served and died in the military.



WORD POWER

SYMBOL: A person, an object, or an event that represents a more general quality or situation

CENOTAPH: A monument built in memory of soldiers killed in war who are buried somewhere else

BUGLE: A musical instrument like a small trumpet, used in the army for giving signals

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Crews Tackle Oil Removal 1	from	Shipwrec	k
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What is happening off the coast of northern British Columbia?
What happened to the Zalinski in 1946?
What has happened to the Zalinski as time passed?
How much oil is on the Zalinski?
How will the oil be removed?
RITICAL THINKING
Why do you think they didn't do anything at the time of accident to clean up the oil?

NATIONAL

New Limits on International Students

1.	What must students from another country get?
2.	What did the government announce in January?
3.	What did the government say in September?
4.	What is the reason for the cuts?
5.	Why are universities upset?
	RITICAL THINKING Besides tuition, what other expenses would an international student need to pay?

INTERNATIONAL

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. How many people have the floods in Africa affected?					
What happened to the city of Maiduguri?					
What is the reason for the rapid flooding of Maiduguri?					
What areas are the floods hitting?					
How is climate change and extreme weather affecting sub-Saharan Africa?					
RITICAL THINKING					
Why do you think this part of Africa is being hit so hard by floods?					

INDIGENOUS CONNECTIONS

The Power of Social Media for Storytelling

What is common among Indigenous communities when it comes to storytelling?
What is one of social media's greatest virtues?
What did Scott Wabano talk about?
According to Aïcha Bastien-N'Diay, why should Indigenous people use social media to tell their stories?
What did James Jones find?
RITICAL THINKING What is the difference between a spoken story and one that is written?

ENVIRONMENT

Should We Stop Building Basements in Flood Zones?

1. What damage did the July 2024 floods cause?				
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3.	Besides flooding, what is another problem with basements?			
4.	What would building a house with no basement do?			
5.	Why do we build homes with basements?			
CI	RITICAL THINKING			
1.	Are there benefits to having a basement in a home? Explain your answer.			

FEATURE

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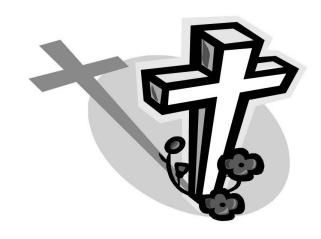
In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Read through the poem. Highlight or underline any words, phrases, or lines in the poem that stand out to you.

In your own words, explain what the poem is saying.

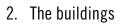
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A political cartoon uses images to exaggerate an opinion, often in a humorous way. The main purpose of the cartoon is to show you the artist's point of view on a situation.



For each element in the image above, write a point or two about the element or how it relates to the rest of the image.

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3. Put all of the elements together and explain in your own words what the cartoon is saying.

Map Activity: Nigeria

1.Locate and label the following countries:

NIGERIA CHAD LIBYA
ALGERIA DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE MALI
BENIN CONGO NIGER

BURKINA FASO EQUATORIAL GUINEA REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

CAMEROON GHANA TOGO

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC COTE D'IVOIRE

2. Locate and label the following cities:

Abuja Porto-Novo Bangui Niamey Lomé Malabo

Yaoundé Accra

N'Djamena Ouagadougou

3. Locate and label the following bodies of saltwater:

Atlantic Ocean

4. Create a colour legend for your map with the following:

Nigeria Other Countries Salt Water

5. Draw and label the compass bearing.

6. Label your map:

Nigeria and Neighbouring Countries

Looking at Nigeria

Nigeria is part of the continent of Africa, bordering the Gulf of Guinea, between Benin and Cameroon. Nigeria is slightly smaller than British Columbia at 923 768 square kilometres. Nigeria is located 10 degrees north of the equator giving it a climate that varies, being equatorial in the south, tropical in the centre, and arid in the north. Nigeria has a population of 236 747 130 (2024 estimate) and a currency called the Nigerian naira (NGN) that takes almost 1200 to equal a Canadian dollar.

Use the map and the information on this page to answer the following questions.								
1.	What is the area of Nigeria?							
2.	2. What is the population of Nigeria?							
3.	3. What is the capital city of Nigeria?							
4.	4. What is the currency used in Nigeria?	What is the currency used in Nigeria?						
5.	5. What colours are on the flag of Nigeria?	. What colours are on the flag of Nigeria?						
6.	. Which countries border Nigeria?							
7.	7. Colour the flag as follows: Three equal vertical bands of green (hoist side), white, and green.							

Monthly News Quiz

NEW LIMITS ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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1.	In January 2024, the government announced that it would approve how many undergraduate study permits for 2024?		
	A. 100 000 B. 25	000	C. 360 000
2.	The reason for the cuts in the number of student permits is to ease pressure on prices.		
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Political Cartoon

1. The water

The water is getting close to the buildings

2. The buildings

The buildings were built close to the water. One of them is now in the water and is lifting up because it is getting wet.

Put all of the elements together and explain in your own words what the cartoon is saying.

Due to climate change, water levels on the coasts of different countries are rising. Buildings, towns, and cities that are close to the water are starting to have issues with flooding.

Monthly News Quiz

NEW LIMITS ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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- The reason for the cuts in the number of student permits is to ease pressure on HOUSING prices.

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- 1. The floods are the worst the region has experienced in recent years.
 - True
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False — Their own first-person stories

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