

STEELERS SHOWCASE



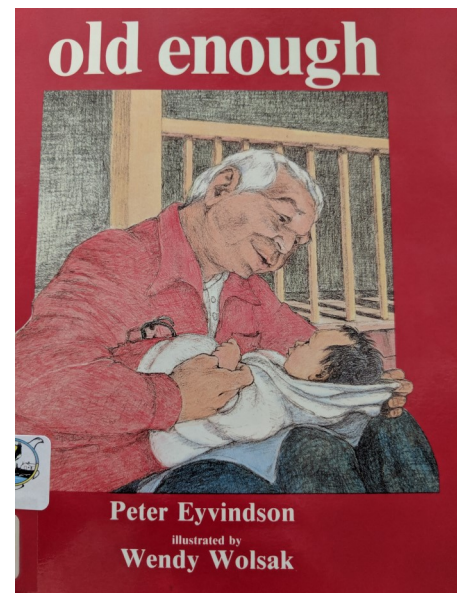
Welcome to this month's edition of the Steelers Showcase! May's version displays various written assignments completed by the grade 11 and 12 students. Exhibited are projects from their History

30: Canadian Studies class, and Environmental 20 class.

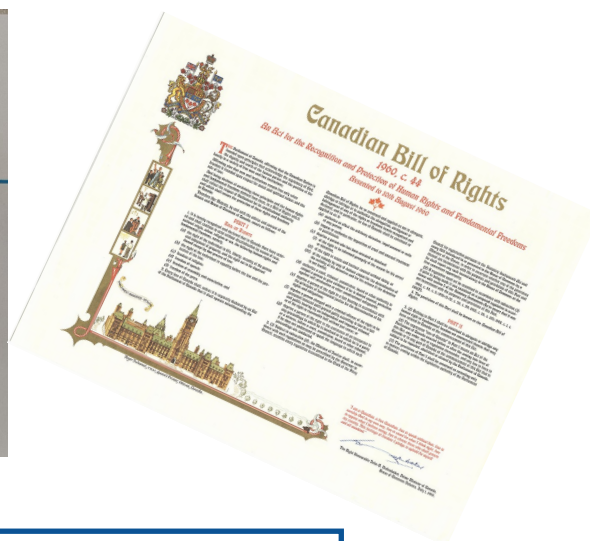
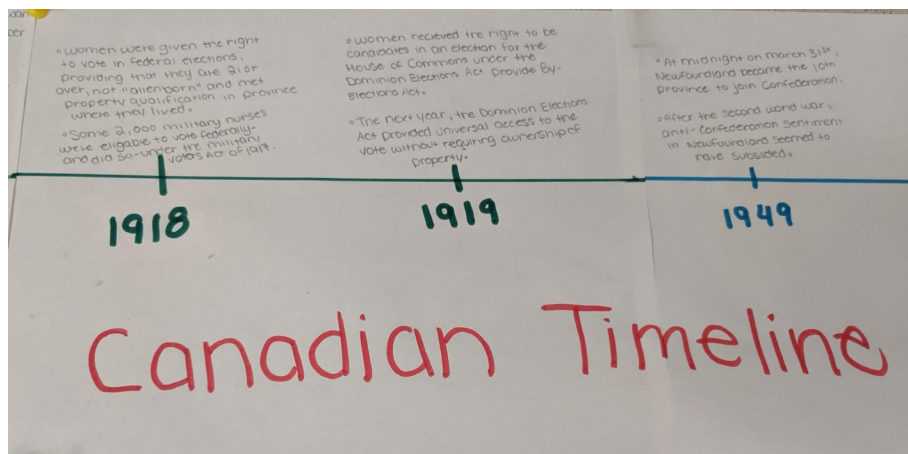
Our School Goal: "To foster a culture of literacy that instills a lifelong appreciation of reading and writing for various purposes and audiences"

In History 30 we looked at the history of Canada from pre-contact to setting the foundations of our country, building a responsible government and explored present day topics. Below is an excerpt from an assignment looking at worldview and how cultural diversity is present in our Country through the lens of children's books

Name: <u>Skylar Elliot</u>
Name of your book: <u>Old Enough</u>
Who is represented in the book? <u>A Father and his son. Later on a grandchild baby boy is introduced. All are First Nations.</u>
What roles do the different characters play? <u>Father - There is a First Nations man who has a baby. He talks about how once the baby is older they will spend every moment together. But once the baby is grown up the man no longer has time.</u> <u>Son - starting as a baby and grows older and older within the story. Is given no personal traits as not subject to the</u>



The assignment asked the students to identify the main characters and their roles in the story. After this they were to identify the potential worldview presented through the pictures and dialogue. Skylar identified that the characters were all first nations and that the worldview was first nations based in that it was a cycle that continues through generations. Skylar noted that, "Elders in First Nations culture play an important role in the family and influence the younger generations in a good way."



Above is a Timeline from History 30 by Taryn May. The timeline was a way to look at Canada's collective history and explore the most important dates that played a role in shaping Canada today. Taryn included important events such as the establishment of Quebec in 1608, Women given the right to vote in 1918, the bill of rights being passed in 1960 and many other important Canadian events.

Environmental science students had choice to create an assignment and below is an example of Skylar's assignment that she chose to write. It is a story explaining a food web through a main character, "Shiva;" a cell that has existed since dinosaurs.

Assignment Short Story Environmental Science

There once was a cell named Shiva. She had been around since the dinosaurs roamed, living her life throughout the great Saskatchewan plains. Right now, it was a hot summer day with the sun shining bright like fire in the cloudless blue sky. Shiva was spending her day lying among the tall uncut grass (producer). When a grasshopper (primary consumer) came by, it took a fresh bite of Shiva's grass. A gust of wind blew by, scaring the grasshopper away, taking Shiva along with it. As the grasshopper hopped among the tall grass, it hopped too high and a bird (secondary consumer) swooped below, catching Shiva without a trace. This bird flew off over the prairie, going far for the winter, taking Shiva along with it. Returning to the hot Saskatchewan sun for the summer, the bird decided to rest in a nearby field. With eyes at rest, a nearby snake (tertiary consumer) gobbled the bird and Shiva up. Slithering through the field, the snake now had a full belly. Field through field day by day, went by. The snake was getting weaker and not slithering so fast anymore. Just slow enough so the brown owl (apex predator) could scoop him up as prey. Shiva had lived this chain starting as grass, to a grasshopper, bird, snake and now owl. All passing energy down to each life form giving the necessary components to survival. But Shiva's chain wasn't over yet. Years went by and Shiva's owl died, lying lifeless in the dirt. Time went by and the owl sunk into the soil, taking Shiva along with it. The enriched soil then produced mushrooms (decomposer). Shiva then began her newest chain, beginning with the mushrooms growing new plants, another life like the grass to be eaten by other life. Food chains are a key component to life as they pass down necessary nutrients / cells, like Shiva, among living life.

An excerpt from Skylar's Environmental science project:

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History 30 Speech

Grade 11/12's had to research a Father of Confederation and give a speech to their classmates that their father of confederation would have given. Here is Dakota giving an inspiring account of John A. Macdonald. Dakota noted, "He also played a role in several conferences prior to confederation, which was vital. He was a part of the London, Charlottetown and Quebec conference.