



Welcome to the For Teachers section of the Hockey: A People's History website!

Introduction to the Series

Hockey: A People's History is CBC's epic series chronicling the story of a game and the soul of a nation. It documents the power and passion of a game and the country that gave it life. While the series is of interest to anyone interested in the history of hockey in Canada, it is also of particular importance to educators and their students.

The complete **Hockey: A People's History** series is available for purchase on VHS and DVD from CBC Learning. Videos and DVDs are licensed with a public performance license to permit educational exhibition of the program in classrooms or independent study situations. For pricing and availability, please email cbc_education@cbc.ca or call toll-free 1-866-999-3072. (Note: it is a violation of Canadian Copyright Law to show off-air taped copies of the series or home video versions of the series in an educational setting.)

Educators can employ these support materials as a Teacher's Companion to the series. The utility of this resource is only limited by your creativity and time. While it is not likely that teachers will use the entire ten hours of programming, there are many chapters in the episodes that will be useful for student research or as an introduction or confirmation of material studied.

Here is a brief explanation of the key features of the pedagogical supports for this exciting new series. We hope that you and your students enjoy exploring this resource and return again and again.

Introduction to the Educational Activities

How does this fit my students, my courses, my classes?

That's easy. Hockey is a central part of the history and people of Canada. It is a central theme in our collective national existence. This series seamlessly explores the story of hockey within the crucible of Canadian society and politics. Many of the programs as well as being interesting simply in themselves could be employed by teachers to help achieve a variety of curricular objectives.



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Think about it:

- **History/Social Studies**

Hockey has both shaped and been shaped by Canada. What events shaped hockey? What impact has hockey had on Canadian history and politics? This series explores the nature of hockey during wars and depressions. The Summit Series was both a political and a sport challenge. Aboriginal history, women's history, and French-English relations are woven into the story of hockey.

- **Geography**

As a national sport, hockey is played and enjoyed all across this land. The series traces the roots of hockey from every corner. Much of the early history takes place in small and remote communities.

- **Language Arts**

Whether writing about major events, legendary players or central crises, Hockey: A People's History provides many opportunities for language enrichment and exercise. Visual literacy is an important component of most literacy programs and the exiting nature of the series should make it a useful launch pad for a range of oral and written exercises.

- **ESL**

What a superb vehicle for helping new Canadians find out more about their new country, its history, geography, sports heroes, heroines and values. What fresh perspective might Canada's newest citizens bring to this game? What a novel and fun way to become Canadian.

- **Physical Education**

This series is studded with remarkable athletes from diverse communities. The analysis of their sports and careers is a close fit with physical education programming. The study of women's hockey is a central theme throughout the series.

- **Art**

Our hockey heroes and great hockey moments all offer opportunities for artistic expression. Posters, trophies, murals, etc. are some ways to celebrate and analyze hockey in Canada.



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- **Special Education**

The more visual/accessible nature of Hockey: A People's History should be stimulating to those students who are less successful in more traditional academic approaches. The focus on heroes overcoming adversity will be appealing too.

- **Cross-Curricular Approaches**

Of course, one of the best features of Hockey: A People's History is the opportunity for teachers and students in various disciplines to explore the topic. Most events and lives can not simply be connected to a single subject area and many of your choices will have a wide array of facets that can be explored on several levels and from a variety of angles.

- **Multi-Grade Possibilities**

The entire department within a school or even the entire school itself can be involved in viewing and using Hockey: A People's History. It might be useful to explore a range of themes on one special day as a school-wide culminating activity.

- **Thematic Programming**

Many schools offer units that approach learning through broad themes such as Leadership/Heroism/Greatness/Diversity/Overcoming Obstacles, etc. It would be easy to integrate Hockey: A People's History into these pre-existing learning opportunities.

- **Second Language Studies**

French might be the obvious choice here, since we are talking about hockey in Canada. The program is available in its entirety in Canada's other official language as Hockey : La fierté d'un peuple. (In fact, the Hockey: A People's History DVD set contains both English and French language versions of the series, so when schools purchase the DVD set from CBC Learning, they receive both language version of the series for the same price!)

- **Community Participation**

This is an opportunity for entire families to be involved in the process of celebrating hockey in the life of their community. Encourage your students to involve family and friends in the series. Parents' Nights might be a good time to raise awareness of the program. When families are also involved in the educational process, students usually do better and the rewards are shared more broadly.



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Design of Pedagogical Supports

Activities Structure for each episode (organized like a hockey game, of course!)

Teachers will not likely choose to or be able to complete all suggested activities. Some are simply different ways of understanding and responding to the same material. Use those materials which best fit the nature of your students, your teaching objectives and the time available.

- **First Period: Viewing Guide**

- about 20 questions tied to the content of the episode and arranged in viewing order by the video chapters
- teachers may wish to print these pages out and make copies for their students
- useful for recording the central facts and events in the episode

- **Second Period: Cross-check**

- a mix and match exercise (10) based on the episode
- answers are provided

- **Third Period: Slapshot**

- multiple choice exercise (5)
- answers are provided

- **Overtime**

- research suggestions (5-10)

- **Double Overtime**

- extension material
- a reading and activity based on new material