



STORYTELLING TEACHER SUPPORT

LEARNING GOALS:

- **Students will generate and organize ideas and information to write for an intended purpose and audience.**
- **Students will apply critical analysis to communicate feelings, ideas and understandings.**
- **Students will consider how to formulate stories to maximize impact.**

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. **What is your conception of home?**
2. **How would you describe Canada to someone living in another country?**

CURRICULUM LINKS:

The HORIZON film and teacher support material provides an opportunity to address curriculum expectations in Music, Art, Language Arts, Social Studies, Media Studies and Canadian Geography. Students will apply and share their ideas, personal perspectives and creative thoughts. In particular, students will have the opportunity to choose an art form to share a story.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY:

SCREEN THE FILM

HORIZON is SESQUI's marquee hemispherical film. This 20-minute film is soaring visual symphony that puts the viewer in the centre of the action during an inspiring showcase of Canadian creative expression that unfolds from coast to coast to coast. *HORIZON* takes us on an expedition from the highest peaks to the deepest seas, and through all ten provinces and three territories, as it reveals scenes that surprise and delight. Drawing upon artistic inspiration from our country's rich mosaic, the film features cultural traditions and contemporary creativity set in the unforgettable urban and natural landscapes of our diverse nation.

Check sesqui.ca in April 25, 2017 to find out how to stream *HORIZON* on your own device.

Check sesqui.ca April 25, 2017 to find locations where you can attend a screening of the film, including in the travelling SESQUI dome participating planetariums.



DISCUSS DIFFERENT WAYS TO TELL A STORY

Consider the many ways in which an artist can tell a story (for example, through dance, singing or film). The following behind-the-scenes videos feature two examples:

Dance: Behind the scenes of *HORIZON* – Winnipeg Ballet

<https://youtu.be/Au8vq2hihJU>

Film: Behind the scenes of *HORIZON* – 360° Filming

<https://youtu.be/TNoWDraZDeM>

Consider how storytelling has changed over time. Examples to compare might include oral storytelling, written storytelling, audio-visual storytelling and 360° storytelling. Discuss whether there are benefits of one type of storytelling over another.

WRITE A SHORT STORY

When students share stories about themselves, their home or their culture, they are sharing unique perspectives that can help to build a better understanding of the diversity within Canada. Furthermore, students become active contributors to our culture by helping ensure their unique perspectives are shared. Discuss how stories inspire you to take action and what makes a story worth reading, hearing or watching.

Choose a topic to be a starting place for students to write a short story. Questions to ask as they approach the project may include:

- What does home mean to you?
- Who is in your family?
- What is one thing that nobody knows about you?
- Who is the hero or protagonist in this Canadian story?
- How do they experience conflict and overcome it?



VIDEO RESOURCES:

Behind the scenes of *HORIZON* – Margie Gilles

<https://youtu.be/FdUJ4fD9K2I>

Behind the scenes of *HORIZON* – Vancouver Film Orchestra

<https://youtu.be/nkkXcQosPLw>

Behind the scenes of *HORIZON* – Throat Singers

<https://youtu.be/U7tPwg3af5M>

Behind the scenes of *HORIZON* – Winnipeg Ballet

<https://youtu.be/Au8vq2hihJU>

Behind the scenes of *HORIZON* – 360° Filming

<https://youtu.be/TNoWDraZDeM>

Behind the scenes of *HORIZON* – Métis Fiddler

<https://youtu.be/yhReiVwjvjo>

Behind the scenes of *HORIZON* – Christian White

<https://youtu.be/6Pe6FZzdm7k>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Red Sky Contemporary Dance and Theatre

<http://www.redskyperformance.com>

Red Sky is Canada's leading company of contemporary world Indigenous performance in dance, theatre and music.

Storynory

<http://storynory.com/pond-life>

The Storynory website features audio of recorded stories that could be used as inspiration for student writers.

Storytellers of Canada

<http://www.storytellers-conteurs.ca>

Storytellers of Canada is devoted to connecting people, reflecting culture and inspiring discovery through the art of storytelling.



Vinyl Café with Stuart Mclean

<http://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/vinyl-cafe>

The Vinyl Café is an hour-long radio variety show hosted by Stuart McLean that features essays, fiction and music.

DIGITAL/SOCIAL MEDIA:

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