

BIBLIOGRAPHY for NWT History Timeline

Alia, Valerie. *Un/Covering the North: News, Media and Aboriginal People*. UBC Press, Vancouver, 1999. ISBN 0-7748-0707-5

Relevant timeline themes: 1968-70 Emerging Voices; 1973-1980s Media Comes North; 1974-77 Northern Homeland, Northern Frontier.

“*Un/covering the North* provides a comprehensive survey of northern communications, focusing on the Canadian Arctic and sub-Arctic but also looking at the circumpolar region...Valerie Alia engages such unexplored topics as the history of northern media, the ethics of journalism about the North, comparative perceptions of the North in northern and southern newspapers, and the representation of Aboriginal people in film, television, radio and print.” (excerpt taken from back book cover) The book includes illustrations, maps and tables, as well as Appendices listing northern community radio, northern newspapers and magazines, and northern Internet resources. The book begins with a short chronology (1985 - 1999) of northern events and developments focusing on media, technology, and political evolution.

Andra-Warner, Elle. “The Diamond Decade.” *Mining North*, November 2001. Available from NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines, Yellowknife, Telephone: 867/873-5281

Relevant timeline themes: 1990s Diamond Mines in the NWT

This is an illustrated magazine article summarizing the events leading to the discovery and development of diamonds in the NWT.

Berger, Thomas R. *Northern Frontier, Northern Homeland: The Report of the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry* (revised edition). Douglas & McIntyre, Vancouver /Toronto, 1988. ISBN 0-88894-601-5

Relevant timeline themes: 1974 - 77 Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry and Berger Report; 1975 From Ottawa to Yellowknife; 1984 Land Claim Settlements in the NWT

Berger’s introduction to the revised edition, written ten years after the Inquiry (the book was first published in 1977), is a good overview and insightful commentary on the significance of the Inquiry in the context of the time in which it took place. Berger discusses the conflicting perspectives (northern and southern) of the time. He comments on “progress” and its meaning, the importance of questioning assumptions, and the consequences of early northern policies based on the assumption that assimilation was good for northern Aboriginal people. The introduction is followed by Berger’s Letter to the Minister, written in April 1977, outlining his recommendations from the Inquiry.

The body of the book provides a comprehensive overview of the peoples, cultures, and environment of the western Arctic by region (northern Yukon, Mackenzie Delta - Beaufort Sea, Mackenzie Valley); a description of the pipeline project, including an historical overview of transportation and construction in the north; discussions of potential cultural, social, environmental and economic impacts of the project; and a chapter on Native Claims, discussing history and current (1977) issues. Berger provides an historical context for most of the issues he addresses. The text is not technical. It is written in the first person and has a conversational feel. Berger includes many quotes from testimonies made during the Inquiry. The book packs a lot of information, insights, and topics for discussion in 265 pages.

Blondin, George. *When the World Was New: Stories of the Sahtu Dene.* Outcrop, Yellowknife NT, 1990. ISBN 1-919315-21-6

Relevant timeline themes: Creation of the Dene and Inuvialuit

This is a collection of stories from the Sahtu oral tradition, written down by storyteller George Blondin so that future generations of Dene will not forget their stories. As Blondin explains, “The people of Denendeh have a complete history of themselves from very ancient times told in the stories they have passed down for countless generations.” The stories in this book focus on medicine power.

Blondin, George. *Yamoria the Lawmaker: Stories of the Dene.* NeWest Publishers, Ltd., Edmonton AB, 1997. ISBN 1-896300-20-0

Relevant timeline themes: Creation of the Dene and Inuvialuit; 1786 Metis and the Fur Trade; 1860 Living and Learning in New Ways; 1921 Treaty 11; 1928 Impact of Disease; 1930s From Furs to Minerals; 1968-70 Emerging Voices; as well as many points on the bottom timeline.

This is history from the Dene perspective. It is George Blondin’s second collection of stories from the Dene oral tradition, a “profound offering of Dene history, culture, and spiritualism...that weaves oral stories together with the history of how Northern Canadian Dene came to depend on the European fur traders” (from back cover). These stories are collected from elders living around Great Slave Lake, in the southern NWT, and the Mackenzie Valley, as well as from the Sahtu tradition. In his Introduction, Blondin says “ This book contains stories that reflect the culture and strong values of my people that early Europeans, and non-native writers after them, missed.”

Book, Rick. *Blackships / Thanadelthur.* Young Heroes of North America, Vol. 1. Heartland Publications, Winnipeg MB, 2001. ISBN 1-896150-13-6

Relevant timeline themes: 1713-17 Thanadelthur

The story of Thanadelthur is told in the second half of this book, which is in the form of a chapter book intended for students. The book is well illustrated with paintings and photographs, and sidebars provide definitions and explanations. There is a short bibliography.

Bromley, Marianne. “Fur Trade in the Northwest Territories: From the Earliest Days to the Present Time” Pages 7-29 in *A Way of Life*, Ed Hall (ed.). NWT Department of Renewable Resources, Yellowknife, 1986. ISBN 0-7708-7146-1

Relevant timeline themes: 1786 Metis and the Fur Trade; 1889-1907 Mackenzie Delta Whaling.

This is the introductory chapter in a book produced by NWT Renewable Resources to show traditional skills, including making snowshoes, waterproof kamiks, and a spruce bark canoe. It gives a brief history of the fur trade by region, each representing a different era: Great Slave Lake and the Mackenzie Valley; The Mackenzie Delta and Arctic Coast (including whaling); and the Baffin and Keewatin. There is also a short section on “Trapping Today” (up to the 1980s). The text is written for general readership, and is well illustrated with historical photographs.

Conner, Daniel C.G. and Doreen Bethune-Johnson. *Native People and Explorers of Canada.* Identity Social Studies Series, Prentice-Hall Canada, Inc., Scarborough ON, 1984. ISBN 0-13-609843-6

Relevant timeline themes: 1713-17 Thanadelthur; 1786 Metis and the Fur Trade; 1819-22 Akaitcho, Beaulieu and Mandeville; 1576-1906 Across the Top of the World.

Developed through the UBC Social Studies Research Curriculum Project, this is a social studies text book, written at a language level appropriate to students. It is divided into five units, each covering a different region of Canada, and each focusing on an individual (an Aboriginal person or an explorer) and an Aboriginal people. Units relevant to the timeline are Unit 1 “Our Arctic Way of Life--The Copper Inuit” and Unit 3 “Henry Kelsey and the People of the Plains.” Unit 1 is written from the perspective of a child describing life in Coppermine (Kugluktuk) in the early 1980s, and through the stories of her great-grandmother describing her life when people lived on the land. A final section in the unit discusses arctic explorers and the search for the Northwest Passage. Unit 3 uses excerpts from explorers’ journals and other historical documents to describe the life and trade at the early Hudson’s Bay Company Forts on Hudson Bay. It also includes a short chapter on NWT explorers (such as William Stewart with Thanadelthur, and Samuel Hearne). The book is full of illustrations, maps, sidebars, and questions for discussion. Review questions follow each chapter, and there is a glossary.

Cooke, Alan and Clive Holland. *The Exploration of Northern Canada 500-1920: A Chronology.* The Arctic History Press, Toronto, 1978.

Relevant timeline themes: 1576 Arrival of the Europeans; 1713-17 Thanadelthur; 1786 Metis and the Fur Trade; 1819-22 Akaitcho, Beaulieu and Mandeville; 1576-1903 Across the Top of the World; 1889-1907 Mackenzie Delta Whaling.

This is an exhaustive chronology of northern exploration. It includes hundreds (if not thousands) of entries listing, besides the date, the nationality and purpose of the expedition, the names of the expedition leaders, and the names of the ships (where relevant). Most entries include an annotation, ranging from a few lines to several long paragraphs, describing the expedition or event. The history is piece by piece, but there is a lot of it. It is centred on European explorers with little mention of help by Aboriginal people. When they are mentioned, no names are given.

Crowe, Keith J. *A History of the Original Peoples of Northern Canada* (revised edition). McGill-Queen's University Press, Montreal & Kingston, 1991. ISBN 0-7735-0880-5

Relevant timeline themes: Most of the major themes and many of the minor ones, especially 1713-17 Thanadelthur; 1786 Metis and the Fur Trade; 1819-22 Akaitcho, Beaulieu and Mandeville; 1860 Living and Learning in New Ways; 1889 Mackenzie Delta Whaling; 1899, 1921 Treaties 8 and 11; 1928 Impact of Disease; 1930s From Furs to Minerals; 1975 From Ottawa to Yellowknife; 1984 Land Claim Settlements (early context).

Crowe wrote this book (first published in 1974) as a text for northern Aboriginal teenagers to provide some balance to the majority of written histories that “ignore or undervalue the pre-European period, the native side of trade and exploration, and the part played by individual native men and women.” As the title suggests, the focus is on northern Aboriginal people: their role in the history of the north, and the impact of events on their lives.

The book provides general information on a great breadth of topics, looking at peoples and events across the entire subarctic and arctic, from prehistory to the 1970s. It begins with brief descriptions of northern peoples, from 9000 BC to the present, and an overview of traditional lifestyles and cultures pre-contact. It proceeds to the arrival of foreigners, and the subsequent waves of change that have rolled across the north ever since “contact.” Crowe discusses the fur trade region by region, and shows the complicated relationships among tribes. He tells the story of Thanadelthur (who goes by the name of Slave Woman in this book), Akaitcho, Edzo, and many interesting and often little-known people, many of them Aboriginal, who influenced northern history. Whaling, the impact of disease (“Invisible Invader”), education, the increasing power of government, and land claims are all addressed at some length. The revised edition includes an Epilogue that summarizes the major changes between 1974 and 1990. The focus is on political events, in particular land claims, and the social and economic status of northern Aboriginal people. The book has no index, but includes a good bibliography organized by topic.

Daniells, Roy. *Alexander Mackenzie and the North West.* Oxford University Press, Toronto, 1971. ISBN 0-19-540186-7

Relevant timeline themes: 1786 Metis and the Fur Trade; as well as points on the bottom timeline related to fur trade and explorations of the western NWT.

Part of the Canadian Lives series of “biographies that emphasize character, anecdote, and social history--often by means of vivid extracts from contemporary sources--while giving a clear summary of the main historical events and achievements” (from back cover). This is an account of Mackenzie’s career including his two long journeys--to the Arctic Ocean in 1789 and over the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean in 1793--set against the background of the fur trade. Several maps, both historical and contemporary, are included. The book has an index and a bibliography.

Davis, Richard C., ed. *Lobsticks and Stone Cairns: Human Landmarks in the Arctic.* University of Calgary Press, Calgary. ISBN 1-895176-69-7

Relevant timeline themes: 1576 Arrival of the Europeans; 1713-17 Thanadelthur; 1786 Metis and the Fur Trade; 1819-22 Akaitcho, Beaulieu and Mandeville; 1576-1906 Across the Top of the World; as well as numerous headings in the bottom timeline.

This book is a compilation of 100 two-page biographies based on versions initially published in the Arctic Profile series of *Arctic, Journal of the Arctic Institute of North America* from June 1982 to December 1987. The subjects of the biographies include men and women, Aboriginal people and European visitors, Canadian and Americans. They are adventurers and explorers, military officers, guides, authors, cultural heroes, traders, and police who have made some contribution to “the story of human endeavour in the Arctic.” The biographies are written from various perspectives by various authors and include opposing claims and different assessments of individuals’ contributions. The book is divided into 16 units on a geographical basis, each unit containing several illustrated profiles and a map with place names relevant to the biographies. Each biography is followed by a list of “Further Readings.” Through the lives of 100 people, the book explores two Norths--the North as place or land, and the North as idea or landscape of the imagination--and the interplay between the two. It is intended to “enhance your understanding of northern history, culture, and geography” (p. xiv).

Delgado, James P. *Across the Top of the World: The Quest for the Northwest Passage.* Checkmark Books, New York, 1999. ISBN 0-8160-4124-5

Relevant timeline themes: 1576 Arrival of the Europeans; 1576-1903 Across the Top of the World.

This is a lavishly illustrated coffee-table book telling the story of Arctic exploration through narrative and over 200 paintings and photographs of the arctic land and sea, ships, explorers, and archaeological relics. There are also numerous historical and current maps. The first chapter presents background information on the Arctic, its people and their traditional way of life. Throughout the book, the text and illustrations are laid out with side bars giving biographies of explorers; all kinds of background information on travel, lifestyle, and culture; and Inuit recollections of their meetings with explorers. The text is based on the most current archaeological and anthropological research, as well as first-hand accounts of expeditions. There are chapter notes, an index, and an extensive bibliography.

The Dene Nation, with photographs by Rene Fumoleau. *Denendeh: A Dene Celebration*. Yellowknife, NT, 1984.

Relevant timeline themes: Creation of the Dene and Inuvialuit; 1899 & 1921 Treaty 8 and Treaty 11; 1928 Impact of Disease; 1930s From Furs to Minerals; 1964 Northern Justice; 1968-70 Emerging Voices; 1974-77 Northern Homeland, Northern Frontier; 1984 Land Claim Settlements.

A glossy, coffee-table book, *Denendeh* was published to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the formation of the Indian Brotherhood of the NWT, now the Dene Nation. The first section of the book is a narrative summarizing, from the Dene perspective, the history of the Dene Nation (as a people and an organization) and the events which surrounded the formation of the Indian Brotherhood. The text is illustrated with photos, primarily of the Dene elders and young leaders who were the “emerging voices” in the 1960s and 1970s. It is also interspersed with quotations and original poetry. The second section of the book is a celebration of Dene land, people, and culture consisting of nearly 100 pages of brilliant photographs by Fr. Rene Fumoleau, along with quotations from Dene people. The book ends with a chronology (1967-84) of events relevant to the Dene Nation, with an emphasis on political development.

Francis, Daniel. *Discovery of the North: The Exploration of Canada's Arctic*. Hurtig Publishers Ltd., Edmonton, AB, 1986. ISBN 0-88830-280-0

Relevant timeline themes: 1576 Arrival of the Europeans; 1713-17 Thanadelthur; 1786 Forts and the Fur Trade; 1819-22 Akaitcho and Franklin; 1576-1906 Across the Top of the World; as well a number of points on the bottom timeline.

“This book tells the story of exploration in the Arctic from the voyages of Martin Frobisher in the 1570s to the final assertion of Canadian sovereignty in the area in the 1920s...(it is) an account of the *Canadian* North and how the territory came to be mapped and legally defined” (p. 9). The stories told include those of Martin Frobisher, Arthur

Dobbs, Samuel Hearne, John Franklin, Thomas Simpson, Charles Francis Hall, and Roald Amundsen. The importance of Aboriginal guides is discussed. The author has drawn on the diaries, journals, and letters of the explorers themselves. He places the expeditions in the context of their times, and discusses the motivations behind them and their contributions to knowledge of the North. There are two sections of black and white prints and photographs, an index, and a bibliography organized by chapter.

Franklin, John. *Narrative of a Journey to the Shores of the Polar Sea in the Years 1819-20-21-22.* New introduction by James P. Delgado, 1908 introduction by Captain Scott. Douglas & McIntyre, Vancouver, 2000. ISBN 1-55054-814-X

Relevant timeline themes: 1819-22 Akaitcho, Beaulieu and Mandeville; 1576-1906 Across the Top of the World

Franklin is probably most famous for his doomed expedition of 1845, which spurred over 30 expeditions to solve the mystery of his disappearance and find the Northwest Passage. This book tells the story of his earlier expedition of 1819-22, in which he set out along the Coppermine River to map the Arctic coast. This expedition also ended in disaster, with more than half of the expedition dying and the rest starving before they were rescued by Akaitcho. This is Franklin's account of his journey, beginning with his departure from England. It is taken from his own journals, and those of his officers Richardson, Hood and Back. This edition reproduces the 1908 reprinting of Franklin's tale, with the introduction by Captain Robert Scott. It also includes a new introduction by James Delgado, which reviews the search for the Northwest Passage and draws on new research and archaeological findings to assess Franklin's life, career, and expedition of 1819-22. The book has a middle section of black and white prints.

Fumoleau, Rene, OMI. *As Long As This Land Shall Last: A History of Treaty 8 and Treaty 11, 1870-1939.* McClelland and Stewart, Ltd., Toronto, (1973). ISBN 0-7710-3188-2

Relevant timeline themes: 1786 Metis and the Fur Trade; 1860 Living and Learning in New Ways; 1899-1900 & 1921 Treaty 8 and Treaty 11; 1928 Impact of Disease; 1930s From Furs to Minerals; 1933 Port Radium Uranium; 1964 Northern Justice; 1968-70 Emerging Voices; 1975 From Ottawa to Yellowknife.

To write this book, Fr. Fumoleau conducted extensive research, bringing together documents relating to Treaties 8 and 11 which were scattered across Canada. The book is based, to a great extent, on excerpts from government and church reports, legal transcripts, and first-hand accounts of events of the time. Fr. Fumoleau has tried to present the quotations without judgment, to "... speak for themselves to show exactly what was known, thought, said, or done at a given period in the past" (p. 14). As a whole, the book presents the historical information necessary for a better understanding of the two treaties and of Mr. Justice Morrow's 1973 judgment regarding Aboriginal land

claims, as well as the facts surrounding Aboriginal people's struggle for recognition. Notes follow each chapter. There is a section of maps, and 70 pages of appendices, including an extensive chronology of events relevant to "Indian history and the treaties" (1670-1939), photos of original signatures from the treaties, government and church reports, newspaper articles, and a sample transcript. There is an index and bibliography.

Karamanski, Theodore J. *Fur Trade and Exploration: Opening the Far Northwest 1821-1852.* University of British Columbia Press, Vancouver, 1983. ISBN 0-7748-0144-1

Relevant timeline themes: 1786 Forts and the Fur Trade; as well as many points on bottom timeline between 1670 and 1856.

The setting of this "lively account of the unsung heroes of the Hudson's Bay Company" (from book jacket) is the western NWT, the Yukon, northern British Columbia, and eastern Alaska. The stories are those of the hardy trader-adventurers who explored this land for the Hudson's Bay Company, which pushed ever further to the northwest in its attempts to open more areas to trade. The book describes the achievements of men such as Samuel Black, John Bell, and Robert Campbell--men who never became famous but who, through their explorations in the name of profit, added considerably to European knowledge of this part of Canada. The author draws heavily on primary material from the Hudson's Bay Company Archives, including the traders' journals, making the traders' "attitudes, actions, and adventures ...the principal concerns of the book" (p. xvii). The book is well illustrated with maps, historical photographs, and prints, and includes an extensive bibliography.

Lubbock, Basil. *The Arctic Whalers.* Brown, Son & Ferguson, Ltd., Glasgow, 1968 (First Edition 1937).

Related timeline themes: 1889 - 1907 Mackenzie Delta Whaling.

This is a detailed history of eastern Arctic whaling (Greenland, Davis Strait, Newfoundland) from the late 1600s until 1909. Although it deals with British whalers working in the Atlantic, and does not describe Mackenzie Delta whaling, it provides a fascinating account of the life and work of whalers of that era. There are chapters on the whaling life, personnel, and wintering in the Arctic, as well as year by year accounts of the "fishing" seasons between 1757 and 1909. Newfoundland sealing is also mentioned in the later decades. There are excerpts from ships' journals, and numerous accounts of incidents both lucky and fatal. There are over 80 illustrations, many of them historical photographs taken aboard whaling ships. The book includes a glossary of whaling terms, as well as appendices showing whaling expenses, a diagram of a whaling ship, examples of a ship's log, whaling returns for the years 1861-83, and lists of whalers sailing from several British ports.

McGoogan, Ken. *Fatal Passage: The Untold Story of John Rae, the Arctic Adventurer Who Discovered the Fate of Franklin.* HarperFlamingoCanada, 2001. ISBN 0-00-200054-7

Relevant timeline themes: 1576-1906 Across the Top of the World; 1845-48 (bottom timeline)

This book tells the true story of John Rae, Arctic traveller and Hudson's Bay Company doctor who would become one of the most successful Arctic explorers by learning the survival skills of the local Aboriginal people. Rae travelled nearly 10,000 kilometres on snowshoe, and sailed the same distance in small boats. In his travels, he discovered the fate of the doomed Franklin expedition and the final link in the navigable Northwest Passage. The book is illustrated with maps and black and white prints. It includes an index and a comprehensive bibliography.

Macpherson, N.J. *Dreams and Visions: Education in the Northwest Territories From Early Days to 1984.* NWT Department of Education, 1991.

Relevant timeline themes: 1860 Living and Learning in New Ways

The title describes this book, written by a long-time northern educator. The narrative describes the changes, challenges, successes, and failures of education in the NWT. It is an insiders view of the formation of the education system, written from the perspective of teachers and administrators. The text draws on government documents and first-hand accounts of teachers working throughout the north. It discusses the policies, programs and personalities that have shaped education in the NWT.

Morrison, William R. *True North: The Yukon and Northwest Territories.* Oxford University Press, Toronto, 1998. ISBN 0-19-541045-9

Relevant timeline themes: All major themes are covered, at least briefly, as well as many events in the bottom timeline.

This book is an excellent general resource, as it covers, as the author states, "all of the North." It begins with the First Peoples and ends with plans for NWT / Nunavut division. Nunavut is considered part of the NWT as the book was written just prior to division. The text is written for a general readership, and a lot of history is packed into less than 200 pages. As one of six volumes in the "Illustrated History of Canada" (Oxford University Press), this book is full of fascinating historical photographs. It also includes chapter notes, an index, and a list of suggested readings.

Ray, Arthur J. *I Have Lived Here Since the World Began: An Illustrated History of Canada's Native People.* Key Porter Books, Toronto, 1996.

Relevant timeline themes: Most of the major themes up to 1928, as well as 1984 Land Claim Settlements, are addressed from a general perspective.

As the title suggests, this book is broad and general in scope, covering Aboriginal groups throughout Canada from pre-contact to modern times. Its focus is one that is often overlooked: the economic history of Aboriginal people, the “many ways in which Native people took advantage of new economic developments, or resisted those that offered them no benefits or degree of control” (p. xvii). The author weaves Native legends of their first encounters with Europeans into his description of the impacts of European contact, then describes “the economic arrangements Native men and women entered into with the newcomers, the assault on Native culture in the Industrial Age, and the persistent efforts of Native groups to find a place in the new world order” (from book jacket). He finishes with a discussion of the historical and cultural bases for current Aboriginal land claims. The book is full of black and white and colour illustrations, and includes a number of thematic maps.

Van Kirk, Sylvia. “*Many Tender Ties*”: *Women in Fur-Trade Society, 1670-1870*. Watson & Dwyer Publishing Ltd., Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1980. ISBN 0-920486-08-8

Relevant timeline themes: 1713-17 Thanadelthur; 1786 Metis and the Fur Trade; 1819-22 Akaitcho, Beaulieu and Mandeville

“*Many Tender Ties*” looks at history from an often overlooked perspective: that of women. The book is well illustrated with black and white prints, and includes an index and a comprehensive bibliography.

Department of Education Resources for NWT History Timeline

Dene Kede K-6 (1993)

Dene Kede is a curriculum from the Dene perspective. The essential learning outcomes are laid out for educators.

Edukits

The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre builds and provides educators with kits on various aspects of Northern history and culture. A full list of kits and how to acquire them can be found at the museum's website (www.pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca) or by contacting Barb or Wendy at the museum at (867) 920-3255 or (867) 920-3267.

Inuuqatigiit

Inuuqatigiit means Inuit to Inuit, people to people, living together, or family to family. This sense of sharing Inuit values and traditional educational practices is the foundation of this curriculum from the Inuit perspective.

Lessons from the Land (2002)

Developed in cooperation with the Dogrib Community Services Board, the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre is hosting an interactive, educational journey up the Idaa Trail. The trail is a traditional Dogrib trail running between Great Slave Lake and Great Bear Lake. Students and educators will have much to learn as they travel the trail and participate in interactive, online activities. The site will be operational in October 2002 and can be accessed at:

www.lessonsfromtheland.ca

Sahtuotine of Long Ago (1991)

A resource about life in the Sahtu region long ago. The book is full of great illustrations and clear language. Book One is on *Hunting and Gathering*, while Book Two is on *Camp Life*.

Stories and Legends of the Past (2001)

A collection traditional Dene lifestyle stories by George Blondin. The resource is linked to Dene Kede through a table of contents which corresponds the stories to learning outcomes in Dene Kede.