



BRINGING MUSEUMS  
INTO YOUR CLASSROOM



VIRTUAL MUSEUM CANADA

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# The Virtual Museum of Canada's Teachers' Centre

## A unique gateway to quality teaching tools and resources

The Virtual Museum of Canada's (VMC) Teachers' Centre is a unique gateway to quality tools and resources created by expert museum professionals and educators to help you simplify lesson planning, increase student learning and bring added fun to your classroom.

**Original and authoritative educational material** The VMC Teachers' Centre is your one-stop link to original and authoritative online educational material developed on an ongoing basis for the VMC by more than 1000 partner museums across Canada. The Centre also connects you to a vast treasure trove of electronic resources maintained by the more than 2600 member museums of the Canadian Museums Association.

**Applications for enriched teaching and enhanced learning** The VMC Teachers' Centre offers superb applications for enriched teaching and enhanced learning, including an easy-to-use search function for lesson plans and other classroom material, a quick link to educational programs at Canadian museums, and a fascinating overview of major events in Canadian history.

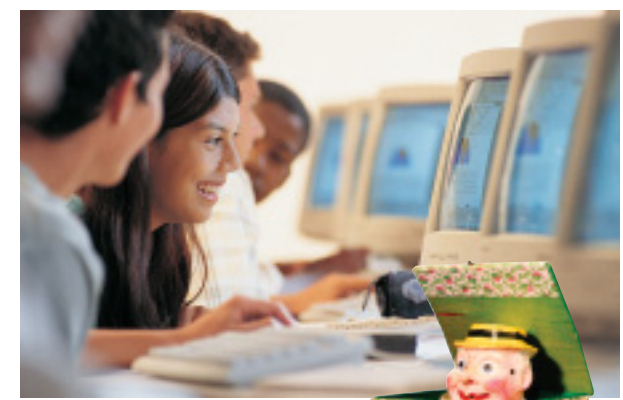


## Explore the VMC

The Teachers' Centre is your gateway to discovery of a broad range of VMC resources that will appeal to you and your students alike. Your discovery gateway includes:



Dromaeosaurus  
Royal Tyrrell Museum



"This site is great, very informative and interesting. I can use it in the schools to teach Northern culture."  
Vanessa D. elementary school teacher  
Grimshaw, Alberta



Jack-in-the Box  
Saskatchewan Western Development Museum

### Teachers' Centre Applications

#### Learning WITH MUSEUMS

This dynamic search engine connects you to online educational materials created by museums across Canada, including ready-to-implement lesson plans, subject-specific theme pages, virtual exhibits, games and activities, and a broad range of curricula to match your learning objectives. Nearly 500 resources can be searched according to curriculum area, grade level, and numerous other criteria.

#### What's On EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Plan your next class field trip with this link to current postings of educational programs and events at museums in your region.

#### This Week IN HISTORY

This fascinating weekly series, highlighting major events and milestones in Canadian history, is brought to you by Parks Canada in collaboration with the VMC.



Red Deer Amazons Women's hockey team, 1932-1933  
Red Deer and District Archives

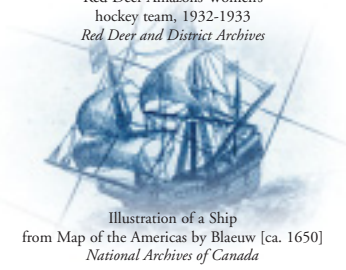


Illustration of a Ship  
from Map of the Americas by Blaeuw [ca. 1650]  
National Archives of Canada

- **Virtual Exhibits** — a dynamic section which uses the latest multimedia technology to bring Canada's heritage and culture to life;
- **Image Gallery** — one of the the world's largest digitized heritage image collection, freely available on the Web with more than 375,000 images;
- **My Personal Museum** — a section that allows students to create their own museum. They can pick a theme, or their favourite museum pieces, and add descriptions to make a virtual museum all their own;
- **Fun & Games** — a section full of challenging and interactive educational material;
- **Museum and Events** — introduces you to exhibitions, activities and other events at museums across Canada;
- **Community Memories** — presents collections of community based museums, which offer unique portraits of Canadian history and new insights into our Canadian identity; and
- **Advanced Searches** — a section that gives you access to results for curriculum material in key subject areas such as Musical Instruments, Butterflies, Aboriginal peoples, World Wars and more.



Enriched teaching ... enhanced learning *Explore the VMC Teachers' Centre today at: virtualmuseum.ca*