

Dear Director of Education

Reading and Remembrance 2010: Homeland Stories

The provincial project Reading and Remembrance, in its sixth year, continues to touch the lives of approximately 100,000 students across Ontario. The Canada Remembers Project of Veterans Affairs Canada and SLiC the on-line journal of the Canadian Association of School Libraries, join the lead partner The Ontario Historical Society and founding sponsor Ontario Power Generation to expand the reach of the project so that it may touch more young people's lives. M.P. Mark Holland, in whose riding the project started at the Durham West Arts Centre, has mentioned the project in Parliament several times and supports the project by promoting it in his and other federal ridings in Ontario.

We chose the 2010 theme Homeland Stories to showcase the contributions that Canada and ordinary Canadians made to support the Allied war efforts of WWII. Young people learn how important it was for each person to do his or her part in support of the brave men and women who were risking their lives. The lessons on Prisoner of War Camps; Submarine Battles in the St. Lawrence River; War Brides and Grooms; the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan; Canadian and British ships adopted by the IODE; War Housing and the saving, salvaging and rationing of an astounding range of materials, are just part of the easy to use materials suitable for Remembrance Day, Veterans' Week, Women's History Month, Character Education and a June celebration of diversity. Educators may look at the fall edition of SLiC (www.clatoolbox.ca/casl/slic) for an overview of the project with a helpful deconstruction of the lesson template.

Staff members are encouraged to take a few minutes and sign up on-line. Every registered school will be entered on the Reading and Remembrance Honour Roll and staff, students and parents may see they are a part of this provincial project. Please note teachers are free to use any of the archived materials if they find previous themes more suited to their class

As you prepare for the 2010–2011 school year, we hope that you will take up the torch of Reading and Remembrance and pass it to the principals of your schools. With your help, schools will ring out with young voices on November 11, 2010.

Yours truly,



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N.B. Reading and Remembrance is a not-for-profit project and its lead partner, the Ontario Historical Society is a charitable organization.

