

Explorations 11 - Natural Resources in BC Case Study

Course: Explorations in Social Studies 11

Title: Natural Resources in BC - Case Study

Length & Timing:

- 600800 words
- 12 weeks (including research)

Focus:

Connections between natural resource use, environment, economy, and Indigenous rights.

Case Options (Teacher selects ONE or allows choice from approved list):

1. A BC hydroelectric dam project.
2. A forestry region or conflict in BC.
3. A pipeline or LNG project affecting BC communities.

Student Instructions:

1. Describe the case:
 - Where is it?
 - What resource is involved?
 - Who are the key groups (e.g., local communities, First Nations, companies, governments)?
2. Explain:
 - Economic benefits or goals.
 - Environmental concerns.
 - Impacts on Indigenous rights and title where applicable.
3. Analyze:
 - What trade-offs or conflicts are present?
 - Which values or priorities are in tension?
4. Conclude:
 - Suggest what you think is the most responsible path forward, with reasons.
5. Use at least THREE credible sources and list them.

Teacher Grading Criteria:

Case Description (/10)

- Clear overview of project/issue and groups involved.

Economic/Environmental/Indigenous Dimensions (/20)

- Explains each dimension with specifics.

Analysis & Judgment (/15)

- Thoughtful evaluation of trade-offs.

Sources & Referencing (/10)

Conventions (/5)

Total: /60