

## 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