

Atomic Weight of Happiness Social Studies Curriculum Connections Grades 7 and 8

The topics for Grades 7 and 8 are as follows:

Grade 7: New France
British North America
Conflict and Change

Grade 8: Confederation
The Development of Western Canada
Canada: A Changing Society

Study of these topics lays the foundation for the compulsory secondary school course in Canadian history.

*** The play may have some **indirect** connections to the Social Studies curriculum (e.g., the use of French in the Text, the aspects of Conflict of Change, and the exploration of Canada as a changing society)

POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS TO CURRICULUM:

Grade 7

- identify types of conflict (e.g., war, rebellion, strike, protest), and describe strategies for conflict resolution;
- investigate and report on methods of conflict resolution employed in everyday life at home, at school, and in the community;
- compare and contrast historical conflict resolution strategies with those used today to resolve disputes at home, at school, and in the community.

Grade 8

- communicate the results of inquiries for specific purposes and audiences, using media works, political cartoons, oral presentations, written notes and reports, drawings, tables, charts, and graphs (e.g., create diary entries depicting Louis Riel as a hero or a traitor);
- describe the factors contributing to change in Canadian society (e.g., immigration, technology, politics, and globalization)
- compare family roles at the beginning of the twentieth century to family roles today (e.g., responsibilities and roles of men, women, and children).