CBC News in Review

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Each month the team of experienced CBC News producers and high school teachers hones in on the top 4 news stories and crafts a 15-minute documentary for each – drawing on news reports from recent months. Host Michael Serapio offers commentary that provides important background info and links.

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CBC News in Review Series - 1. Parkland School Shooting: How the Students Turned Tragedy into a Youth Movement (Length: 18:13)
On Valentine’s Day 2018 a gunman entered a high school in Parkland, Florida and opened fire. By the time he was apprehended there were 17 dead including teachers and students. The massacre became a warrior cry for the students. They raised their voices to demand stricter gun control laws and it swept across the country. It’s not the first time...

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Can Indigenous individuals receive fair treatment in Canada’s policing and courts system? Three high profile cases – the acquittal of the accused killers in the deaths of Colten Boushie and Tina Fontaine, as well as the mishandled investigation into the death of Stacy DeBungee – have highlighted the harsh reality of our justice system when it comes to Indigenous people. The outcome ...

3. Halifax Explosion: 100 Years On (Length: 18:29)
It’s considered one of the deadliest disasters in Canadian history. On December 6, 1917, two vessels collided in Halifax Harbour. One was carrying explosives. The ensuing explosion ripped through the city, literally flattening the north end. Two thousand people were killed and another 9,000 were injured or maimed. It’s an accident that scarred the city and its residents for decades. One hundred years later, we look back on the events of that harrowing day and how it continues to impact people, families and communities today.

4. Raqqa in Ruins: Former ISIS Capital Reclaimed (Length: 14:06)
Raqqia was once a thriving city in Syria; until 2014, when the jihadist group ISIS declared it as its self-proclaimed capital. In 2017, the battle for Raqqia began with Russian and Syrian bombers providing air strike and the U.S. led Syrian Democratic Forces on the ground. The battle took many months, but eventually ISIS was driven out. The city is 80 percent destroyed and booby traps remain everywhere. Within days of liberation, CBC’s senior correspondent Adrienne Arsenault and cameraman Jean-François Bisson travelled to Raqqia to see what remains. Please note, this program contains disturbing images and subject matter. Viewer discretion is advised.

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US President Donald Trump has declared a war on mainstream media. His repeated allegations of “fake news” is undermining the credibility of the fourth estate. As a result, journalists say the integrity of their work is more important now than ever. We take a look at how the media is responding to this war on journalism.

2. Divide and Conquer: The Trump Effect (Length: 19:26)
Since his election as president, Donald Trump’s policies have been dividing the United States. But there are signs that the so-called “Trump Effect” may be backfiring. With midterm elections around the corner, Democrats are...
1. Resilience, Compassion, and Humor: To Save the Aleuts

With resilience, compassion, and humor, the Aleuts responded to the hardships they faced during World War II. The Aleuts were relocated to camps in the Midwest and Colorado, far away from their homeland in Alaska. Despite these challenges, the Aleuts maintained their culture and traditions, preserving their language and way of life. Their story is one of determination and survival, as they adapted to new environments and faced the(value of: 3)

2. The Grandfather of All Treaties

The Grandfather of All Treaties or the Two Row Wampum, recognized the other's sovereignty and ecological stewardship was central to that co-existence. Nearly four centuries after the Two Row Wampum agreement was made between the first Dutch settlers and the Six Nations Confederacy, Oenkwodonkwe people are still trying to navigate the waters in between. First Nations have endured a history of colonization - their communities are impoverished, plagued with social and environmental issues, while Canada remains one of the wealthiest countries in the world. People, both Indigenous and their supporters are taking a stand - asserting their sovereignty and using their treaty rights to protect the land. This documentary examines the Indigenous mobilization that is happening across North America and these grassroots movements' ability to affect real change in the world. Though the face of these issues may be the protection of Indigenous rights - it is the recognition of them that may actually determine the fate of the planet.

3. Power Plays: The Tangled Politics of Lebanon

Lebanon may be a small country, but it's a major player in Middle East politics. But what's happening there lately is actually less about Lebanon and more about the big powers of Iran and Saudi Arabia. Lebanon is also Hezbollah heartland. Founded in 1982, Hezbollah, which stands for Party of God, was formed to resist Israeli occupation. But with its ...

4. Extreme Weather 2018: Is this Climate Change?

Climate on this planet is always changing. Over hundreds of thousands of years there have been heating and cooling events, with at least five ice ages. Since the 19th century scientists believe that the rapid heating of the earth is a result of man-made climate change. The summer of 2018 saw extremely hot temperatures across the northern hemisphere. From deadly heat waves across Asia, Europe and Great Britain to killer humidity in eastern North America and extremely dry conditions in the normally wet west. Is this the new normal? And can these conditions be attributed to climate change?

The Grandfather of All Treaties
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The Grandfather of All Treaties or the Two Row Wampum, is considered the most important diplomatic instrument in First Nation’s history. Wampum belts were among the first documented agreements between First Nations and European settlers. The Two Row Wampum belt consists of two rows of purple beads separated by three rows of white. The white symbolizes the river of life or the land that we all now share. The two purple rows symbolize the Haudenosaunee and the Europeans traveling side by side, never interfering with each other’s journey. Subsequent agreements were predicated upon this one. Each nation recognized the other’s sovereignty and ecological stewardship was central to that co-existence. Nearly four centuries after the Two Row Wampum agreement was made between the first Dutch settlers and the Six Nations Confederacy, Oenkwodonkwe people are still trying to navigate the waters in between. First Nations have endured a history of colonization - their communities are impoverished, plagued with social and environmental issues, while Canada remains one of the wealthiest countries in the world. People, both Indigenous and their supporters are taking a stand - asserting their sovereignty and using their treaty rights to protect the land. This documentary examines the Indigenous mobilization that is happening across North America and these grassroots movements’ ability to affect real change in the world. Though the face of these issues may be the protection of Indigenous rights - it is the recognition of them that may actually determine the fate of the planet.

Internment in Canada During the Second World War
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The Canadian government ordered 23,000 Japanese Canadians and 600 Italian Canadians, along with others to be taken to camps during the World War II. This kit provides insight into these experiences, the effects of the internment and the apologies made by the Canadian government.

Content:
Righing the Wrongs: Italian Canadian Internment in the Second World War
Righing the Wrongs: Japanese Canadian Internment in the Second World War
The Japanese Internment, a graphic book
Aleutian Sparrow by Karen Hesse. In June 1942, seven months after attacking Pearl Harbor, Japanese navy invaded Alaska’s Aleutian Islands. For nine thousand years the Aleut people had lived and thrived on these treesless windsweped lands. Within days of the first attack, the entire native population living west of Unimak Island was gathered up and evacuated to relocation centers in the dense forests of Alaska’s Southeast.

With resilience, compassion, and humor, the Aleuts responded to the sorrows of upheaval and dislocation. This is the story of Vera, a young Aleut caught up in the turmoil of war. It chronicles her struggles to survive and to keep community and heritage intact despite harsh conditions in an alien environment.

Escape! by John Reid. Two teenagers become involved in a dangerous plot to spring a famous prisoner from jail. This book is based on Trotsky’s real-life imprisonment in Amherst.

Heart of a Champion by Ellen Schwartz. When war is declared against Japan after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, everything changes for the Sakamoto family. They are
banished to an isolated internment camp, and Kenji’s hopes of becoming an Asahi baseball player like his brother are overtaken by the harsh reality of his new life.

**A Child in a Prison Camp**, by Takashima. In December 1941 Canada was at war with Japan. Within a few months, 22,000 men, women, and children of Japanese descent living on Canada’s west coast lost their civil rights, their homes, stores, and fishing boats, and were shipped to internment camps, where they would spend the next three years.

**Paper Wishes** by Lois Sepahban. A novel about a girl whose family is relocated to a prison camp during World War II - and the dog she had to leave behind.

**Naomi’s Road** by Joy Kogawa. Daddy tells her that war is the worst and saddest things in the world. People get hurt and learn to be afraid. It’s like the time the burning match made the fire in Naomi’s room. It turns friends into enemies. In Canada some people think Japanese Canadians are enemies.

**Using Compasses with Maps**
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The art of “staying found” requires a good map and compass and the know-how to use them properly.
Learning to use a compass and map together are fundamental skills each outdoors person should have.
This kit provides student workbook, 24 compasses, a demonstration compass, Brunton Navigation Curriculum CD and the ABC’s of Compass and Map DVD.