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# Project Overview



- SD8 Kootenay Lake, Slocan Family of Schools
- Family of Schools Concept: Collaborative Learning, Facilitating Transitions, Resource Sharing
- Opportunity via Growing Innovation Built upon Masters Project
- Four Schools in Slocan Valley in Digital Storytelling Project
- Fall 2011 January 2012
- Focus on Place-Based Learning, Student Engagement, Technology,
   Collaboration, and Social Responsibility

### Essential Question:



"To what extent can we collaboratively and effectively engage our grade 6/7/8 students in connecting with the living heritage of their community while improving literacy/social responsibility skills through digital storytelling as a medium?"







WE Graham
Community
School
Community
Connections



**BK Elementary** 

History of

Schools in the

**Slocan Valley** 

Winlaw
Elementary
Heritage of the
Railway

## Project Themes & Process



- ProD Day
- Technology Support
- School Themes
- Framework Development

October



### November

- Field Trips
- School Visitations
- Interview Processes
- Skype Session
- Filming & Editing



- Blogging
- Editing/Finalizing
- Community Celebration Event
- Team Reflection

Dec/January





# Student Learning & Impact



#### **Positive Feedback (Survey Monkey)**

- Field trips and outings in their "Back Yard"
- Speaking with community members
- Skype session was powerful (Doukhobor Project at Mt. Sentinel)
- Technology
- Multi-modal Learning

### **Social Responsibility Rubric**

- Developed appreciation for community
- Developed appreciation for diversity
- Developed understanding for cultural groups and heritage
- Improved Respectful relationships

#### **Literacy Development**

- Visual literacy (storyboarding, film/video)
- Blogging and Publishing









"Culture means family, friendship, and coming together as *One*."
-Hannah B.









## Cross-District Collaboration



Doukhobor Historical Bridge, Castlegar, B.C.

- 1. Learn: Visit to Nakusp with Terry Taylor and her Team
- 2. Plan: Field Trips for Doukhobor Film Projects SD8 10
- 3. Share: Filmmakers Moe and William courtesy of SD10
- 4. Connect: Doukhobor Grandparent Skype session with Mt. Sentinel (SD8)& Lucerne (SD10)
- 5. Extend: Plan for future Collaboration

## Lessons Learned, Next Steps



- The Value of Collaboration across Schools and Districts
- The Positive Impact of Engaging Students in Authentic, Project-Based Learning
- The Reciprocity between School and Community
- Building Lateral Capacity and Networked Relationships
- Better World SD8 10 -20 Project

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