

LIST OF CASES AND RESOURCES

KIDS AT WORK

British Columbia

Sandborn, Tom, “Big Liberal Donor's Rocky Safety Record”, The Tyee.ca, April 8, 2013. Accessed August 8, 2013. Construction in BC (road, rock and tunnel)—good example as it involves a young worker and Kiewit a major BC Construction firm. The hyperlinks are good and provide original source documents, especially those from Work Safe BC <http://thetyee.ca/News/2013/04/08/Kiewit-Record/>

First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, “Child labour is no accident: the experience of BCs Working Children”. The report can be found at <http://firstcallbc.org/pdfs/Communities/First%20Call-Child%20Labour%20is%20No%20Accident,%20May%202013.pdf>. It is long but broken down into theme would suit a group of students to tackle. It is valuable in that there are numerous stories of working children in British Columbia and the issues they face on the job.

Kids and Unions

Nandana, Reddy, “[The Right to Organize: The Working Children's Movement in India](#)”. [Cultural Survival Quarterly](#), April 2, 2010 CSQ Issue: [24.2 \(Summer 2000\) Rethinking Childhood: Perspectives on Children's Rights](#) <http://www.culturalsurvival.org/ourpublications/csq/article/the-right-organize-the-working-childrens-movement-india#sthash.B9ES7ADl.dpuf>

Shahriari, Sara, “Bolivia's child workers unite to end exploitation”. The Guardian, Tuesday 27 November 2012, accessed June 26, 2013 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/nov/27/child-workers-bolivia-unite>

Hatch, Marcel, “Teens organize first-ever union at McDonald's” October 1998, <http://www.socialism.com/drupal-6.8/?q=node/1227>

And its decertification:

CBC news, “McDonald's workers decertify union”, July 3, 1999 <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/story/1999/07/03/mcdonalds990703.html>

Human Rights Watch, *Tainted Harvest: Child Labor and Obstacles to Organizing on Ecuador's Banana Plantations*, 25 April 2002, 2734, available at:

<http://www.refworld.org/docid/45cc342f2.html> [accessed 21 July 2013] Long, but connects rights of children at work (in banana farm labour) and the rights of workers to organize.

RACISM, MIGRANT WORKERS, AND WORK

Unions and Racism

Youth, Unions, and You article on racism and unions in British Columbia. (Introduction/Background to YU lesson on Unions and Racism. Page 145.

http://www.bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/public/TeachingResources/YouthUnionsYou/SS11_L4.pdf

1907 Anti Asian race riots and the role of labour

“Commemorating a race riot” by [Carlito Pablo](#) , The Georgia Straight,2007.

<http://www.straight.com/commemorating-race-riot>

The Critical Thinking Consortium (TC2) in conjunction with the BCTF created an excellent unit on the Riots that has numerous primary sources on the event. There are free documents and photographs available on the Chinese at <http://sourcedocs.tc2.ca/history-docs/topics/chinese-canadian-history/causes-of-the-1907-asian-riots.html>

First Nations

Student extension reading #1: Indian workers in B.C. 1860 –1950—Rolf Knight. In Youth, Unions and You http://www.bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/public/TeachingResources/YouthUnionsYou/SS11_L4.pdf

Marki Sellers, “Negotiations for Control and Unlikely Partnerships: Fort Rupert , 1849-1851. VOLUME 36, No 1 Winter 2002/2003. Interesting story of the first collective job action in BC.

http://www.library.ubc.ca/archives/pdfs/bchf/bchn_2002_03_winter.pdf

Rajala, Richard A. Pulling Lumber:Indo-Canadians in the British Columbia Forest Industry, 1900-1998. VOLUME 36, No 1 Winter 2002/2003

http://www.library.ubc.ca/archives/pdfs/bchf/bchn_2002_03_winter.pdf

Migrant Workers

The Ties That Bind: *Building the CPR, Building a Place in Canada* [Excellent site from the Foundation to Commemorate the Chinese Railroad Workers in Canada, in partnership with the Multicultural History Society of Ontario, and Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Includes numerous secondary and primary sources on chinese CPR workers.](#) <http://www.mhso.ca/tiesthatbind/index.php>

The Tyee had a four part series on the Temporary Foreign Workers Program which can be found at: <http://thetyee.ca/Series/2013/01/08/Canadian-Temporary-Foreign-Workers/>

Migrant Workers

Cases

Imported Workers Fight Back: How Latin Americans hired to build Canada Line bravely exposed Temporary Foreign Worker Program injustices. Second in a series. By [Krystle Alarcon](#), 8 Jan 2013, TheTye.ca <http://thetyee.ca/News/2013/01/08/Imported-Workers-Fight-Back/>

'Precedent-setting' contract a first for migrant farm workers. Migrant workers at the Sidhu and Sons Nursery in Mission have gained a precedent-setting union contract.

By Vikki Hopes - Abbotsford News

Published: November 12, 2010 4:00 PM

<http://www.justicia4migrantworkers.org/bc/news.html>

WOMEN AND WORK

Women's rights and unions

How unions protect our human rights By Errol Black, Jim Silver .

<http://www.bctf.ca/publications/NewsMagArticle.aspx?id=24155>

Non-wage Labour: Housewives' unions

<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/70650/banner-300x250.swf>

http://www.dominionpaper.ca/international_news/2005/05/05/national_h.html#

Pay Equity

Canadian Labour Congress Factsheets <http://www.canadianlabour.ca/news-room/publications/quick-education-pay-equity-womens-economic-equality>

<http://www.canadianlabour.ca/news-room/publications/womens-economic-equality-fact-sheets>

CBC News: "Postal Workers win 28 year pay equity fight",

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/story/2011/11/17/pol-psac-pay-equity-supreme-court.html>.

Strikes and Organizing

"1939-40: The Langley Affair", teachers in Langley stand up for their rights. Article by Ken Novakowski. In Teacher Newsmagazine, Volume 24, Number 5, March 2012.

<http://bctf.ca/publications/NewsMagArticle.aspx?id=25436>

"A Revolution in a wire": Telephones and telephone workers

<http://www.labourheritagecentre.ca/project/a-revolution-in-a-wire/>

Not Always Sweet: The 1917 Vancouver Sugar Refinery Strike by Janet Mary Nicol British Columbia Historical News http://www.library.ubc.ca/archives/pdfs/bchf/bchn_2002_summer.pdf

Health and Safety

The Story of Verna Ledger. Video, Labour Heritage Centre
<http://www.labourheritagecentre.ca/projects/wsbclhc-videos/>

CTV, "Mountie alleging harassment: RCMP need union"
<http://www.ctvnews.ca/mountie-alleging-harassment-rcmp-needs-union-1.724367>

SAFETY AT WORK

The Role of Government

Negligent Bosses Go Undercharged for Worker Deaths, Critics Say. Law intended to hold reckless management accountable is woefully unenforced. By [Tom Sandborn](#), 8 Jul 2013, TheTye.ca
<http://thetyee.ca/News/2013/07/08/Worker-Deaths-Accountability/>

\$100 Device Could Have Saved Sullivan Mine Victims: Mining safety regs out of date, inquest told. By [Francis Plourde](#), 13 Jul 2007, TheTye.ca <http://thetyee.ca/News/2007/07/13/MiningSafety/>

'Working Alone' Safeguards Slide. Outraged father of 'gas and dash' victim says officials eroded 'Grant's Law.' By [Tom Sandborn](#), 9 Mar 2009, TheTye.ca
<http://thetyee.ca/News/2009/03/09/GrantsLaw/>

Why No Inquests into Logging Deaths? Unions, whistleblowers urge coroner to analyze carnage. By [Quentin Dodd](#), 9 Dec 2005, TheTye.ca
<http://thetyee.ca/News/2005/12/09/LoggingDeathInquest/>

Asbestos exposure. Story of Paul Douglas. BC Worker Who Died of Asbestos Exposure. Worksafe BC site there is the story of Paul Douglas <http://www.hiddenkiller.ca/paul-douglas.asp>

http://www.worksafebc.com/publications/newsletters/worksafe_magazine/Assets/PDF/wsm_mar_a_pr_2005.pdf#page=10

Additional info at:

<http://www.mesothel.com/asbestos-cancer/mesothelioma/patient-profiles/douglas.htm>

<http://www2.canada.com/vancouver/news/story.html?id=dde3cd3b-1769-4ec0-9e78-cbd43cd8072d>

Students could also investigate their school boards' health and safety policies and procedures related to asbestos and asbestos removal in schools. Here is a general story that would help students in gathering the information: <http://www.bctf.ca/publications/NewsMagArticle.aspx?id=21904>

[2013 Bangladesh building collapse](#)

"Bangladesh Collapse: the Garment Workers Who Survived",

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/parallels/2013/07/10/200644781/Bangladesh-Collapse-The-Garment-Workers-Who-Survived>

"New Bangladesh Law Fails Again to Protect Workers' Rights", International Trade Union Confederation, <http://www.ituc-csi.org/new-bangladesh-law-fails-again-to?lang=en> 20 July 2013,

Background on Bangladesh workers rights in general from Solidarity Center.org

<http://www.solidaritycenter.org/content.asp?contentid=448>

Workers and The Earth

Battle for the Trees. NFB documentary. Examines the dispute in the '90s in BC's forests between government, environmentalists, labour, business, and First Nations

<http://www3.nfb.ca/footprints/for-teachers/?lesson=754136&view=725604>

Blockade. Documentary over different stakeholders in the logging industry. Documents conflict between First Nations, loggers, settlers, different clans, CNR, and government. Canada Wild Productions. Director: [Nettie Wilde](#). Purchase Info betsy@canadawildproductions.com

Wilderness Committee, "Lyell Island: 25 Years later",

http://wildernesscommittee.org/news/lyell_island_25_years_later

"Proposed oil pipeline heats up jobs-versus-environment debate in B.C.", Justine Hunter Whistler — The Globe and Mail Last updated Thursday, Aug. 23 2012, 4:20 PM EDT

<http://m.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/proposed-oil-pipeline-heats-up-jobs-versus-environment-debate-in-bc/article1369864/?service=mobile>

Working for Government and Solidarity

Excellent background information can be found at the Museum of Civilization's labour history exhibit:

<http://www.civilization.ca/cmce/exhibitions/hist/labour/lab36e.shtml>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/background/strike/publicsectorunions.html>

<http://www.civilization.ca/cmce/exhibitions/hist/labour/lab37e.shtml>

Significant cases and events:

Quebec's Common Front: <http://www.civilization.ca/cmce/exhibitions/hist/labour/labv39e.shtml>

HEU case Bill 29 victory for workers 8 Jun '07 http://www.bcgeu.ca/Bill_29_victory_for_workers

BC Solidarity, Ken Novakowski, BC Solidarity Strike of 1983
<http://www.bctf.ca/publications/NewsmagArticle.aspx?id=12834>

Solidarity, Canadian Encyclopaedia, Bryan D. Palmer.
<http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/articles/solidarity>

Damned if you do, damned if you don't. Labour Heritage Centre.
<http://www.labourheritagecentre.ca/project/damned-if-you-do-damned-if-you-dont/>

BC Teachers strikes of 2005 and 2012, Bill 22

