

CBC NEWS IN REVIEW 2019/2020

An in-depth source to get your students news-savvy, News in Review looks at the question of systemic racism in Canada's justice system, how students turned tragedy into a movement against gun violence, and more. As always, every story is supported by a teacher guide.

NEW to News in Review Teacher Guides

Each story in every edition of News in Review is supported by a Teacher Guide for Grade 8+. Last season we introduced a monthly story and guide suitable for Grades 4-7. This season we have added a new feature to our guides called TALK PROMPTS that provide opportunities for small group or class discussions.



[VEGANISM: MEATLESS GOES MAINSTREAM](#)

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Veganism is on the rise. More and more people are opting away from meat towards a plant-based diet. And in Canada it seems British Columbia is leading the way with more vegans per capita than any other province. The popularity of the “Beyond Meat” and “Impossible” burgers has stormed the market in the past few years. And it’s fueled an avalanche of other plant-based food items. As meatless goes mainstream, it’s become a billion dollar industry. But what is veganism and is it really better for you? Are all vegan foods healthy? Let’s answer some of those questions and look at the science behind the claims.



[MAESTRO FRESH WES: CANADIAN HIP HOP HISTORY](#)

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Wes Williams, better known to many as Maestro Fresh Wes, is often called the Godfather of Canadian hip hop. He sprang on to the music scene in 1989 with the release of his song “Let Your Backbone Slide” from debut album Symphony in Effect. It was the first rap single certified Gold in Canada. In 2019, this groundbreaking anthem became the first hip hop song to be inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame. Williams, who studied law and political science at Carleton University, not only became a recording artist and producer but an actor, author and motivational speaker. Here, he takes the time to go back to a shopping mall in Scarborough to show us where it all began.



[WEXIT: HOW THE WEST WAS LOST](#)

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Calls for western separation or so-called “Wexit” are at an all-time high. A third of Albertans now think they would be better off outside of Canada. The unrest is largely due to lack of progress on building pipelines to get Alberta’s oil and gas to market. And while Albertans are some of the richest people in Canada, after years of economic downturn they are not happy with the subsidy they have to pay to the rest of Canada in equalization payments. Residents say their needs are being ignored by Ottawa. They spoke with their votes in the last federal election, shutting out the Liberals. So how is a minority Liberal government going to respond to this growing uprising? Canada can’t afford to lose the West, with its natural reserves. And the province’s premier, Jason Kenney, seems to be leading Alberta towards more autonomy. Could it herald a whole new landscape for Canada?



[EXPOSING HATE: ARE HATE CRIMES ON THE RISE IN CANADA?](#)

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A CBC News investigation discovered that there were nearly 1,800 hate crimes reported to Canadian police last year. But that number likely doesn’t tell the whole story. Inaccurate reporting and different classifications make a true calculation nearly impossible. Nonetheless, hate seems to be growing across this country. But no place more so than Hamilton, Ontario, which has the infamous title of being the hate crime capital of Canada. Has that city become a cautionary tale for the rest of Canada? And then there’s the internet. How is hate speech being fought online?

Warning: The video for this News in Review story contains scenes of violence. Please prepare students for the video content and for topics that will be discussed.

