

# Collection of Texts 2009 - 2010



Teacher: Roger Bouthillier

## Message to the class of 2009-2010 and to our readers

Here we are again, at the end of an academic year and the beginning of our summer break. How quickly the year went by, as one of you commented a few days ago.

All of you have improved in reading, writing and maths skills. These skills were proportionate to your attendance, attention, participation, concentration and ability to learn.

Hopefully, you have also acquired some important life skills such as good work habits, taking initiative, expressing your opinion, being punctual and being here. The list goes on.

I've seen a lot of positive things accomplished this year. Here are but a few of them. I recall doing a unit on democracy just before the municipal elections. A quick survey showed that many of you had never voted. We discussed the importance of voting as our duty and our right. I was happy to see that all of you decided that you should exercise your right to select the leaders of your town. Hopefully, this trend will continue in future elections.



We talked about being punctual and being here. I must highlight the fact that Andrew attended 97.4% of his classes. That's the best attendance record

I've seen at the Learning Centre. Two of the days he missed was when his grandmother passed away.

Darlene has expanded her horizons by corresponding with a teacher in Pakistan. Make sure to read her text in our collection.

Some others participated for the first time in our extra-curricular activities, such as wreath making and taking part in our visit to the Ecomuseum and the Châteauguay Valley Career Centre.

I've seen positive attitudes develop and a high degree of participation. A friendly atmosphere was present in the classroom, with a lot of humour

displayed during the classes. As your teacher, that has been very satisfying to me. Be proud of what you've accomplished.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Lillian Forget Stirling and Susan Gagnon for their time and help as volunteers. Hopefully, this was a pleasant experience for you as well.

Thanks to Louise Richard for her support throughout this very busy year. A very pleasant and welcomed addition to the Learning Centre this year was Frances Moore, staff assistant. My personal thanks to you Frances, for all the work and activities done with my group, particularly with the group project on our town. Thank you Sylvie for helping to put together the collection of texts.

I wish you all a pleasant and restful summer. Enjoy your reading and your search for knowledge.

**Roger Bouthillier**

## MY SUMMER

I didn't work much and didn't travel during the summer.

I just worked a bit around the house. I cleaned around the house and worked in the garden.

I had a few parties with my family and visited my relatives.



Because I hunt, I had to prepare my hunting season. I hunt moose and deer. I had to carry some apples and carrots in the forest.



I try to lure the prey with food. I appreciated my quiet summer.

**Norbert Boulerice**

## My Summer Vacation October 14, 2009

During my summer vacation I visited my Grandma for three weeks. For the three weeks that I stayed with my Grandma I helped her clean her house because she has been very sick lately.



When I got back from my Grandma's house, my mom, my two little sisters and I went camping. It was really fun even though it ended up raining while we were camping.



For the rest of my vacation, I just relaxed and watched tv shows on my computer. I also cleaned our house.

**Mathieu Cardinal**

# Budgies

## HOUSING



It depends on the activity level. If the bird is allowed to fly around the house, a small cage is good for them. If in a cage, you should have lots of toys for it to play with.

## BREEDING

Females can have babies when they are one year old. They can have up to three to six eggs. When they are ready, they need a private place to lay their eggs.

## MOULTING

That is very normal for the birds. That is when they lose some of their feathers. The feathers fall when the weather changes.

## FEEDING

Pelleted diets are better for budgies. A lot of fat is not good for them. They can eat a variety of things like hard boiled eggs, seeds and other things.



## COLORS

Budgies are red, green and yellow. My favorite color for a budgie is blue.

**By Brian Patenaude**

## JUSTIN BIEBER

He was born on March 14, 1994, and he's from Canada. He currently is 15 years old, and lives in Stratford, Ontario, Canada with his mom, step-father, step-sister, Jazmyn and now a new baby brother, Jaxon.

He is 5'3". He barely visits his real dad. He has two hit songs called "*Favorite Girl*", and "*One Time*" which also features Usher, a rap singer.

Justin Timberlake, and Usher fought over which one of them would be in the video. He picked Usher. He has looked up too Usher since he was young.

I love Justin Bieber because he is cute and he sings good songs. My favorites songs are "*One time*" and "*One less lonely girl*".

He is talented since he is young.

### Justin Bieber Nominations

- [Juno Awards<sup>\[44\]</sup>](#)

2010, Album of the Year, [My World](#) – Nominated  
2010, Pop Album of the Year, [My World](#) – Nominated  
2010, New Artist of the Year – Nominated

He did not win any awards.

### A few things you might like to know :

- Justin Bieber is left-handed.
- Justin Bieber loves hockey.
- Justin Bieber's favorite color is purple.
- Justin Bieber's favorite food is spaghetti Bolognese.
- Justin Bieber took an airplane for the first time on the way to meet the man who would become his manager.
- Justin Bieber grew up listening to Boyz II Men.
- Justin Bieber did not grow up rich.



**Pearl Richer-Cummings**

# NHL



NHL stands for national hockey league. There are thirty teams, twenty-four are located in the USA, and the other six are located in Canada. There are fifteen teams in the East and fifteen teams in the West. They play eighty two games.



A win equals two points, a lost equals zero points and a tie is one point. If the two teams are tied after 3 periods (ex: 5-5) they play an overtime period of five minutes. If no one scores in overtime the game goes into a shootout. Overtime or shootout wins equal one extra point each.

The top eight teams in the east division and the west division make it to the playoffs in the best of seven games series.

The Canadian teams are:

The Toronto Maple Leafs, they won 13 Stanley cups. Their best player is Phil Kessel.



The Vancouver Canucks have won 0 Stanley cups. Their best player is Roberto Luongo.



The Calgary Flames won 1 Stanley cup and their best player is Jarome Lginla.



The Ottawa Senators won 0 Stanley cups; their best player is Jason Spezza.



The Montreal Canadiens won 24 Stanley cups. Their best player is Mike Cammalleri.



The Edmonton Oilers won 5 Stanley cups. Their best player is Sam Gagner.



I love checking the standings very often. Hockey is my favourite sport.

What is yours?

**Andrew Kerr**

# Pakistan



I am corresponding with Shamoza Khan.

He is 37 and a university school teacher-He teaches English. He is Muslim and can talk 7 different languages. He has one sister and one brother. He is a very kind and loving person. He thinks of other people before himself. We talk all the time on Yahoo and I see him on the cam some times. He

tells me that he would like to move to Quebec some time.



Pakistan is his country.

Pakistan is situated in the western part of the Indian Subcontinent. Afghanistan and Iran are on the west, India on the east and the Arabian Sea on the south. The name Pakistan is derived from an Urdu word Pak meaning pure and Stan meaning country. It is nearly twice the size of California

## Religion

Pakistan is the second most populous Muslim country and also has the second largest Shia population in the world. About 95% of the Pakistanis are Muslims. Although the two groups live together there is a lot of violence between them.

## Flora and Fauna

The national animal of Pakistan is the Morkhor and the national bird is the Chukka also known as chuckhole in Urdu. The wide variety of landscapes and climates in Pakistan allow for a wide variety of wild animals and birds. The forest range has trees such as pine spruce. In the south, there are crocodiles in the water of the the Indus River. There are also porcupines and small rodents, jaguars, hyenas, wildcats, panthers, and leopards. In the northern mountains are a variety of endangered animals, including Marco Polo Sheep, Ural Sheep, Markhor and Index goats.



Morkhor



Chukka

## Education

Education in Pakistan is divided into five levels: one through advanced certificate. Pakistan schools have 6 months for school and 4 months of summer holidays and two months off at Christmas and New Year.

## Sports

The national sport of Pakistan is field hockey although cricket is the most popular game across the country. The national cricket team has won the cricket World Cup once in 1992; they were runner up once in 1999.

## Why I picked Pakistan?

It is a nice country. Pakistan people are very nice to each other and all their family and friends.

**Darlene Russell**

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

I saw the wreath at the statue. Today is sad for people because families are missing loved one. Now, kids do not have moms or dads because of the war.

**Pearl Cummings**

Remembrance Day is November 11. We remember the fallen soldiers that died for our country. There are wreaths. My uncle was in the war. That's why we wear a poppy proudly. Andrew read in Flanders Field. That's why we pause for a few moments to remember the fallen soldiers on the 11<sup>th</sup> month, 11<sup>th</sup> day, 11<sup>th</sup> hour.



**Darlene Russell**



We went to see the monument of soldiers who fought for our country. The day was November 11<sup>th</sup> 2009.

**Andrew Kerr**

We went to the park to remember people that died in the war. We took pictures remembering the soldiers. There were wreaths in the park.

**Mathieu Cardinal**

## Wreath Workshop December 9, 2009



On Tuesday December 9, 2009 we went to a wreath workshop at the Huntingdon Adult Education and Community Centre. The four kinds of trees we used to make the wreaths are spruce pine, and two other types of trees. The workshop smelled very nice because of the trees.

I found it very neat to see how they make wreaths. Once you know how, it's very easy to make them. It's different than what we usually learn.



Making wreaths I found was a fun experience. We were lucky to have the opportunity to make wreaths.

**Mathieu Cardinal**



I went with the class from the Huntingdon Learning Centre. Our teacher Roger drove us there in his van to Saint-Anne-de-Bellevue.

We saw black bears, wolves, coyotes, porcupines, lemmings, lynxes, otters, caribou, deer.

The best part of the day was when we saw the birds of prey, like the snowy owl, eagles, the red-tailed hawk, the bared owl, the great horned owl, the barn owl, red shouldered hawk.

The guide had a kestrel hawk in his hands. The female birds of prey are bigger than the males. I had a great time and really enjoyed it very much.

**Darlene Russell**

“We saw animals there.  
We saw owls and porcupines.  
My favourite animal was the grizzly bear.  
I saw otters, they’re pretty cool.  
The wolf howls.  
I would go back again.”



Dictated by **Mark Peddie**

# ECOMUSEUM

We went to the Ecomuseum thursday april 15<sup>th</sup>. It was a nice day but a little cold.



My class went in my teacher's van. The French class came in another van. We saw owls, wolves, coyotes, 2 black bears, ducks, a porcupine, geese, deer, a fox and some others.

We saw fish in a big tank. We saw turtles in a different tank. We saw lots of snakes. I don't like snakes. I did not hold one but I think Pearl did.

My favourite bird is the eagle. I liked looking at all the animals, but I liked wolves the best. I took some pictures.

I would go back anytime because I like animals.

**Wilfrid Henderson**  
(with the help of **Lillian Forget-Stirling**)

The Ecomuseum was a lot of fun to go to and see the animals. I like the birds of prey because they are very nice to look at. It was funny to see Mathieu going in the mud. We were in Saint-Anne-de-Bellevue on april 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

I saw many animals there, they were very different than animals I see all the time. The birds of prey are very colourful and they eat mice and rats too. The bald eagle is a nice animal to look at. Some of the birds of prey hunt at night and some of the birds of prey hunt in the day. It was my first time going to the Ecomuseum. . I had a good time at the Ecomuseum.

**Pearl Cummings**

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Happy reading!

Louise Richard  
Director