



**Dear Teachers,**

**Thank you for taking the time to look through this resource kit, I hope you find it useful and fun!**

**I am a student at the University of Victoria, majoring in Geography and Environmental Studies. I have created this educational kit about Clayoquot Sound for a course titled Community Based Research in Clayoquot Sound. As a course project I chose to develop an elementary school curriculum unit pertaining to Clayoquot Sound.**

**As many of you know, the region around Tofino and Ucluelet is unprecedented in its ecological diversity, natural beauty and cultural richness. I think that every child in Victoria should be aware of Clayoquot's existence and appreciate its significance and beauty.**

**With this kit, I hope to provide you with the opportunity to incorporate information about the Clayoquot region into your existing curriculum. I understand that as a public school teacher time and budget restraints can leave you without the opportunity to do extra curriculum research. Having done field work in the Clayoquot Region for eight days, I was able to accumulate a wide range of knowledge about the area and acquired resources to include in this kit to make the learning fun and interesting for you and your students.**

**I have designed the kit to be used in a Grade 4 or 5 classroom. However, if a certain activity seems appropriate for your class, feel free to use the information!**





I have tried to include enough background information in each section so that you'll feel well prepared to answer your students' questions with confidence! You may wish, however, to have a look at some of the extra resources on the list included in the kit for more specific information on a certain aspect of the unit.

The kit is set up so that you may teach one or all of the lessons, whatever works for you. You may wish to do the unit from start to finish, or to pick and choose activities that fit well with your planned curriculum. There are no rules to using the kit, just enjoy it and help spread the beauty of Clayoquot Sound to Victoria's children! The only request I have is that all the resources stay together in the box.

I have created four different lessons, each covering an important aspect of Clayoquot Sound: an overview, the central region Nuu-chah-nulth Nations, the temperate rainforest, and the coast and the ocean. I have chosen these four sections based on the time I spent in the region. During my time there, I was able to identify what aspects of life in Clayoquot Sound the local community felt were important.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or to provide feedback. I hope this kit proves useful and rewarding. Thanks again for taking the time to consider using it! ENJOY!

Sincerely,



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