



## WATER IS LIFE (Gr. 3-12 Adapted)



*"Very engaging and applicable."*  
(Thompson Creek School, Dunnville)  
*"Absolutely captivating!"* (Lincoln Alexander SS, Miss.)

This presentation will take students on a journey around the world, to better understand the importance of water, as it relates to indigenous cultural teachings, environment, history, religion and health.

## IN MY SHOES (Gr. 5-12 Adapted)

*"All the teachers said they loved the presentation and the students themselves said that they were really moved."* (Our Lady of the Rosary School, Concord)

*"We only had positive feedback about your In My Shoes presentation."*  
(Central Tech H.S., Tor.)



Students will journey "in the shoes" of others, to gain a heightened awareness of the challenges faced by homeless and marginalized peoples; those living in poverty; and those facing discrimination. Through example, youth will be encouraged to offer compassion, by lifting up those most in need!

## WORLD ISSUES: Vanishing Cultures (Gr. 4-12 Adapted)

*"This was another fantastic and captivating presentation. The students seemed to hang on to every word!"* (Glenview Park S.S., Cambridge)



Indigenous peoples of the world share common values, knowledge, struggles, spiritual traditions and a rich and vibrant history. This presentation will explore issues facing our indigenous communities and discover how we can build a better world.

## HUMAN RIGHTS: A Call to Action (Gr. 5-12 Adapted)

*"A spectacular and inspiring presentation."* (Erin P.S., Erin)



Throughout the world, many people face social and environmental injustices. This presentation will focus on The Americas, as it relates to policies, water degradation, resource exploitation and the empowerment of marginalized groups.

## In support of United Nations: "International Decade for People of African Descent" (2015-2024)



### THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD (Gr. 2-8)

*"In my 35 years of teaching, this was the best presentation I have ever seen!"*  
(Briarcrest School, Tor.)

Travelling along the secret network of routes, students will vicariously assume the role of a freedom seeker. They will learn about life on a plantation; unique methods of escape; and the life and times of Harriet Tubman and others. Black History will come to life!

### BLACK HISTORY ONE: (An Ancestral Journey) (Gr. 5-12 Adapted)



*"I have never seen my students so empowered!"*  
(Sir William Gage Middle School, Brampton)  
*"Thank you, thank you! The students were enthralled! The message was delivered in such a fascinating storytelling version."*  
(St. John Chrysostom CES, Newmarket)



Re-trace our family roots, as we embark on a historic journey, from the heart of Africa to the new world. Undertake the Middle Passage. Discover life on a plantation. Follow the freedom route to Canada ("The Promised Land"). This presentation will highlight the determination, inner strength, and enduring spirit of those of African heritage.

**Told from an African perspective.**

### BLACK HISTORY TWO: (March To Justice) (Gr. 6-12 Adapted)

*"I have received great feedback. Both kids and teachers were thoroughly enamoured by the content and your delivery."* (Doncrest P.S., Richmond Hill)

*"Your presentation was awesome! You were able to sum up in one hour, what would have taken four years of university history."* (St. Joseph's CES, Acton)



We begin during the last days of slavery and move toward contemporary times. From the United States to Canada. From the foot soldiers of yesterday to those of today. Powerful visuals and riveting stories, will help students better understand Canada's history, experiences and social conditions, on a journey toward equality for all!



### ANCIENT EGYPT (Early Societies) (Gr. 3-8)

*"The students thoroughly enjoyed their trip to ancient Egypt."* (Ingleborough School, Brampton)

Delve into the world of Ancient Egypt! Discover their advanced inventions, technology, pyramids, rituals, religion, animals, astronomy and so much more! Compare with other early societies.



### ANCIENT MAYA (Early Societies) (Gr. 3-8)

*"All extremely positive reviews."*  
(Lorne Park P.S., Miss.)

Delve into the world of the Ancient Maya! Discover their advanced inventions, technology, pyramids, rituals, religion, animals, astronomy and so much more! Compare with other early societies.

### SAFARI IN KENYA (K-6)

*"Your presentation was thoroughly inspiring, informative and interactive. The students only had positive things to say about the experience. Thank you! Thank you!"*  
(Edgewood P.S., Tor.)



Journey with veteran African safari tour leader, Loretta, as she explores the magical country of Kenya. Compare life in Canada to life in Africa. Try on clothing. Play with toys and musical instruments. Manipulate kitchen utensils.

**The most inter-active show!**



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# Welcome

Our innovative and inter-active programs allow students to vicariously explore the world, without leaving their school.

**We come to you!**



## ABOUT US

*"You are by far the best presenter I have ever had at any of my schools!"*  
C. Taverna-Rossi, Principal (St Monica School, Markham)



**LORETTA PENNY**  
(Presenter)

Loretta Penny is a dynamic, award-winning presenter, author and former African Safari Tour Leader. An energetic advocate of "real world learning", Loretta has delivered over 4,000 presentations in Canada, United States and South America. In 1993, Loretta received the O.P.S.T.F.'s "Meritorious Award", given for outstanding achievement to education in Ontario.



**MICHAEL MCLEAN**  
(Assistant)

Michael McLean is a researcher, world traveller and passionate defender of human rights for marginalized and indigenous peoples. His extensive life experiences, sense of adventure and street knowledge, challenges and empowers students, to make a difference for the common good of the world.

## RATES

Travel fees will only apply to schools outside of our 40 kilometre business area

**\$200.00** (+ HST) **MINI SAFARIS**  
Up to 60 students  
1 hr 20 min. (Includes Sensory Safari Display)

**\$325.00** (+ HST) **MID SIZE SAFARIS**  
Up to 120 students  
1 hr 30 min. (Includes Sensory Safari Display)

**\$325.00** (+ HST) **LECTURE SAFARIS**  
Unlimited Audience  
50 to 60 minutes

**\$495.00** (+ HST) **HALF DAY SAFARIS**  
Up to 250 students (Includes Sensory Safari Display)  
One Performance Half Day

**\$795.00** (+ HST) **FULL DAY SAFARIS**  
Up to 550 students (Includes Sensory Safari Display)  
Two Performances Full Day (275 Students per show)

## SENSORY SAFARI DISPLAYS

**"Wonder is the beginning of wisdom." Socrates**

**WOW! Up to 6 metre long displays**



We wish to thank our partners in education, ENVIRONMENT CANADA and THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, for their support in providing us with wildlife displays.

# PRESENTATIONS

*"Seldom have I witnessed programs which have had such an impact on both the teachers and the students."* (St. Louis School, Tor.)

Our programs meet The Ontario Curriculum Requirements.

**New!** **EMPATHY: Gateway to Compassion** (Gr 1 to 8)  
Through "real world" stories and images, students will gain a better understanding of how empathy is the basis of a compassionate and civilized society.

**New!** **THE GREAT LAKES** (Gr 1 to 12 Adapted)  
Covering 20% of our planet, our Great Lakes are a wonder to behold! This all encompassing presentation will pay homage to the cultural, environmental and historic aspects of this freshwater oasis.

# SCIENCE

## KINDERGARTEN SAFARIS (Oceans Alive or Forests Alive)

*"Our students thoroughly enjoyed their day!"*  
(Southfields Village School, Caledon)



Our tailored OCEAN or RAINFOREST shows offer kindergarten students a visual presentation combined with an incredible hands-on experience! Following the presentation, children will have an opportunity to squeeze a sea sponge, hug a sea turtle, hold a mermaids purse, stretch out a snake skin, smell a cacao pod, touch a jaguar skull .... and so much more!! 6 metres of hands-on artifacts!

## OCEANS ALIVE! (K-8) #1 BOOKED SCIENCE SHOW!



*"All of the staff were extremely impressed by you, your information / message and the way that you captivated even the older students."*  
(James Morden P.S., Niagara Falls)

From the seashore to the darkest depths, students will discover an incredible array of marine life.

Sensory Safari display includes real whale baleen, lice, corals, sea sponges, shark jaws, turtles and so much more!

## FORESTS ALIVE! (K-8)



*"The students enjoyed the presentation and I can see why. It was well presented and very informative!"* (Mountain View School, Stoney Creek)

Join us on an exciting adventure, as we explore the weirdest, rarest and most wonderful species of temperate and tropical forest ecosystems.

## SWAMPS ALIVE! (K-8)



*"I heard very positive things from staff and students!"*  
(Fred A. Hamilton School, Guelph)

Explore and compare unique wetland ecosystems, wildlife and cultural connections in Ontario and The Florida Everglades. Learn how wetlands (Kidneys of the Earth) are vital to our survival.

## THE AMAZON RAINFOREST (K-12 Adapted)

*"We all enjoyed our memorable trip to The Amazon today."*  
(Our Lady of Good Voyage CES, Miss.)

*"The students who took in your travel experience through The Amazon, loved it!"*



This presentation will re-trace our memorable two month journey through The Amazon Rainforest of Brazil. Meet the indigenous Tukano peoples. Discover wildlife species at all levels. Take action to protect it.

## THE BUZZ ON BEES (and Other Species) (K-12 Adapted)

*"Once again, another fabulous presentation!"* (St. Louis School, Miss.)  
*"The students really enjoyed the presentation and took away a wealth of information."*  
(Eco Conference Elem/Sec Dufferin-Peel CDSB)



Students will learn about the current plight of bees and other endangered species locally and globally. Practical solutions will be offered to make a difference for the sake of our species!

## BIODIVERSITY (CRISIS & CONSERVATION) (Gr. 4-12 Adapted)

*"We are so grateful for your passion and the dedication you both have towards making the world a better place! Thank you again for your enthusiasm and your wonderful stories."*  
(Sunny View Middle School, Brampton)

*"Very organized and engaging for students and staff alike."* (Mississauga S.S., Miss.)



This highly informative and topical presentation will highlight the biggest threats to biodiversity today. Students will learn about invasive species, ecosystem degradation, resource exploitation, climate change and more. Natural remedies and practical solutions will be promoted for prompt action and stewardship of our planet.