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New Montcalm videoconferencing activity Quebec High School students virtually visit the Plains of Abraham

Québec, February 25, 2014 – The National Battlefields Commission's new activity, *Montcalm*, is an interactive way to learn about the history of the siege of Québec and the battles of the Plains of Abraham. The videoconferencing activity, offered in French and English and available at Canadian high schools, was officially launched this afternoon at Quebec High School in Québec with the participation of 23 Secondary Three history students.



Under orders from the French General Marquis de Montcalm issued live from the Plains of Abraham, students went back in time to famous battles without leaving the classroom. The young recruits learned about military strategies and manoeuvres of the period, handled historical objects, took part in a drill, and survived field surgery.

Each year the Plains of Abraham, a leader known for its dynamic approach to living history, draws more than 2,000 groups (75,000 people) to the site to explore their rich heritage. More than 50 educational and fun activities are offered for primary school, high school, and adult groups. Day care centres and day camps are also available. Technology has raised the accessibility bar for groups, so we can now offer inexpensive videoconferencing activities all across Canada!

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