

Title: *Chocolate River Rescue*

Summary

Three boys have become stranded on an ice floe in the middle of New Brunswick's Petitcodiac River in the dead of winter. The river's rapid current is carrying them towards the open ocean, the ice floe is starting to break apart and hypothermia is setting in. Can anything—or anyone—save them now?

Thematic Links

New Brunswick Geography & History

Rivers and Tides

Wilderness Survival

First Aid/Search & Rescue

Improvisation & Resourcefulness (How to build something out of “nothing”)

Activity ideas for your book

- Design a manual of outdoor safety guidelines and wilderness survival tips;
- Put together a First Aid Kit;
- Interview a Search and Rescue Volunteer or Firefighter;
- Write a letter to your local Fire Fighters, EMS workers or Search & Rescue Volunteers thanking them for putting their own lives on the line to save others;
- Participate in a First Aid course; learn about hypothermia;
- Create a model of the Tidal Bore using a wave tank;
- Build or “invent” something that would help you in an emergency situation;
- Draw an aerial map of the “Chocolate River”;
- Draw a picture of your favorite scene from the story;
- Research some other unusual Canadian place-names (like “Petitcodiac”)--where do these names come from? What do they mean?