

Former TLK teacher wrote the book on new Canadians

Having published a series of historical books looking at our early Canadian roots, teacher and writer Bob Livesey returned to his roots. He put out a text book.

Called *Coming To Canada*, the new book is really a primer to help long-time Canadians see themselves and their country as others do.

Livesey, who has taught for 33 years at T. L. Kennedy Secondary School and currently at Sheridan College in Brampton and Oakville, took essays and written by 40 people, young and old, who have emi-

grated to Canada from troubled spots around the globe.

"I got the stories from a number of sources," Livesey said. "In the case of TLK, I had the support of principal Terry Chaffe, ESL teacher Carolyn Quinton and English teacher Tom Royal.

"They encouraged their students to write about their experiences.

"Living here, we take a lot for granted. Some of the things we don't even notice are important to them. It's like not seeing the forest for the trees."

TLK students produced more than 100 essays that Livesey went through to select 16 for his book.

The book is arranged to include a photo of the author of each selection with a map of their native country. Each essay is followed by a listing of possible topics for discussion, and a number of "creative challenges" for the reader.

"It is primarily a text book for social studies," Livesey said. "At first I thought it should be for high schools, but I think it could be used in a middle school with no problem."

He said he sees it be primarily for English students. The book could be used over a school year depending on how much the teacher wanted to explore the stories.

A world traveler who most recently spent part of the year living in the northern areas of Thailand, Livesey said his next book will take him back to one of his favorite subjects — history. He's planning a book on

the War of 1812.

Coming To Canada costs \$18 and can be obtained by writing to the

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