ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PHILOSOPHY RESOURCES – 1

A) Research and Inquiry Skills

http://www.visuwords.com/
- beautiful visual thesaurus. You enter a word – for example 'philosophy' – and it attractively generates a concept tree with parts of the word, related words and concepts, topics in philosophy, all of which can be clicked on. Great way to show the scope of a topic, possible synonyms, and narrow down or broaden out a word or topic.

http://cleach.wordpress.com/digital-literacy-in-your-classroom/
resources on digital literacy.

http://www.academia.edu/240646/Filmmaking_in_the_Philosophy_Classroom_Illustrating_the_Examined_Life
Excellent paper explaining ways of using film in the philosophy class.

http://www.philosophypages.com/sy.htm
Advice/instructions for writing, reading (and understanding) philosophical texts.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfBZuBGYDm4
Short video on common logical fallacies in student writing: identifying and avoiding them.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL32A9993FC82230C3
Terrific video tutorial on how to cite properly and avoid plagerism.

http://novemberlearning.com/too-big-to-know-with-david-weinberger/
http://webcast.oii.ox.ac.uk/?view=Webcast&ID=20051130_109
In these 2 podcasts David Weinberger discusses what knowledge means today and what type of learning must take place in a connected world of overabundant information. (metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of science.)

http://www.english.hawaii.edu/criticalink/readguide.html
Reader's guide (step by step explication) of the opening of Plato's Republic, Heidegger's Question Concerning Technology, and other challenging philosophical texts.

http://arlieferguson.wordpress.com/2011/11/19/part-one-the-city-of-pigs/
Reader's guide for the opening of Plato's Republic, the city of pigs.

http://www.english.hawaii.edu/criticalink/readguide.html
Reading comprehension questions for the opening of Plato's Republic.

http://web.cn.edu/kwheeler/study/201_plato_01.html
Study questions for the allegory of the cave in Plato's Republic.

http://philosophynow.org/issues/15/A_students_guide_to_Jean-Paul_Sartres_Existentialism_and_Humanism
Helpful reading guide and background of Sartre's accessible and classic essay "Existentialism is a Humanism".

http://www.teachphilosophy101.org/Default.aspx?tabid=130
Fine annotated list of Hollywood movies that feature various philosophical issues.

http://commfaculty.fullerton.edu/lester/ethics/movies.html
List of Hollywood movies that feature ethical issues

http://www.carnegiecouncil.org/education/002/film/index.html#1
Carnegie Council developed lesson plans on International Ethics dilemmas in films. Eg. Zero Dark Thirty and the ethics of torture, The Battle of Algiers and terrorism/anti-colonial freedom fighting.

http://www.philfilms.utm.edu/
Fantastic annotated list of philosophy related films. Includes discussion questions, reviews.

http://www.cracked.com/article_20109_5-mind-blowing-academic-theories-as-taught-by-classic-movies.html
Amusing illustrated walk through of movies that illustrate philosophical theories (eg. Prisoner's Dilemma, Ship of Theseus, Allegory of the Cave). Warning: explicit language.

http://www.fourdirectionsteachings.com/
Beautiful and authentic videos conveying Aboriginal teachings on the creation of the world, ethical issues and more. May be used in conjunction with lesson plans found at

http://fishingforedtech.com/2012/02/18/comic-creation-in-the-classroom/
Walk-through for teachers explaining how to use Bitstrips cartoons in the classroom.

http://www.bitstripsforschools.com/
Free service from Bitstrips allowing you to easily assign and assess Bistrips cartoons made by your students. Students love illustrating themselves discussing philosophical topics or issues.

http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/philosophy
The Guardian's collection of philosophy blog posts by contemporary philosophers on various matters of the day and contemporary thinking.

http://philosophynow.org/
Magazine on contemporary philosophy. Many articles and resources.

http://leiterreports.typepad.com/blog/philosophy_in_the_news/
Blog of news stories with a philosophical aspect.

www.thestar.com
Toronto-region's largest circulation newspaper. Searchable.

www.theglobeandmail.com
Canada's national newspaper. Searchable.

B) Philosophical Foundations

http://www.languageisavirus.com/#
Generates semi-random prompts for expletory prose or poetry writing. Good for existentialism, aesthetics, metaphysics, epistemology.

http://www.cartoonstock.com/directory/p/philosophy.asp
Archive of fun cartoons on various philosophical topics.

http://www.mchumor.com/education_philosophy_toons.html
Another archive of fun cartoons on various philosophical topics.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIf3oxjZESM
Introductory lecture on fallacies (40 minutes).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fXLTQi7vVsI
The Fallacy Project: Examples of fallacies from advertising, politics, and pop culture (including a great Sesame Street clip) (6 minutes).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5vzCmURh7o
Intro to the Straw Person fallacy.

https://www.youtube.com/user/PhilosophyFreak?feature=
Fantastic collection of animations on critical thinking, fallacies, probability, common valid and invalid arguments, and more.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmIb2Jb-KC8
Humourous dialogue between a student and a teacher that illustrates the fallacies.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmRCpqO_1JA

Amusing illustrations of common fallacies.

Ontario Philosophy Teachers' Association's lesson plans on Aboriginal philosophy:
http://ontariophilosophy.ca/grade-12/

Literary Theory: the basics. Hans Bertens. Routledge 2007.
Wonderfully readable survey chapters on Derrida, Foucault, and other post-modernists.

Cartoon History of the Universe (3 Volumes). Larry Gonick. Three Rivers Press 1997-2005;
Cartoon History of the Modern World (2 Volumes). Larry Gonick. Collins Reference 2006.
These accessible history books include chapters on many philosophers, including philosophy from the Islamic world, the Asian Subcontinent, and East Asia.

Philosophy for Beginners. Richard Osborne, et. al. Writers and Readers Press 1992.
Accessible, funny, comprehensive. Best of a fine series.

The Philosophical Gym. Stephen Law. Headline Review, 2004. Resource book filled with paradoxes, thought experiments, philosophical skills and tools.

Looking at Philosophy. Donald Palmer. McGraw-Hill Higher Education 1993.
Illustrated, funny, insightful introduction to philosophy.

Action Philosophers. Fred Van Lente. Evil Twin Comics 2009.
Action Philosophers is a series of funny and thoughtful comic books, each summarizing various topics and thinkers in a humourous way.

High School Philosophy Textbooks:

- Introduction to World Philosophy: A Multicultural Reader. Daniel Bonevac. Oxford University Press, 2009.
- Questions that Matter: An Invitation to Philosophy. Ed Miller. McGraw-Hill, 2008.
- Philosophy: Questions & Theories. Jeff Stickney, et al. McGraw-Hill Ryerson School, 2003.
- Philosophy in Action. Wayne Sproule. Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2003.
- About Philosophy (11th edition). Robert Paul Wolff. Pearson, 2011

http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/philosopherszone/
Excellent introductory-level podcasts on a variety of philosophical subjects produced by the Australian National Broadcaster.

http://french-italian.stanford.edu/opinions/
Interview podcast on a variety of authors and topics.

http://www.philosophyinpubliclife.org/Why/previousshows.html
Good introductory-level interview podcast on topics in philosophy.

http://www.partiallyexaminedlife.com/
Humourous grade 12 level podcast on philosophical thinkers, topics and texts.

http://www.philosophybites.com/
Dozens of fifteen-minute interviews with academic philosophers speaking on topics in philosophy.

http://philosophynow.org/podcasts
Interview podcast on various topics, such as feminism, Freud, ethics, aesthetics, the question 'what is philosophy?' and many more.

http://www.historyofphilosophy.net/
This podcast series aims to be 'the history of philosophy without any gaps'. Noteworthy for its inclusion of the philosophy of the Islamic world.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/iotp
Hour-long BBC-produced interview podcast on thinkers, topics, and schools of thought.

http://www.philosophy.ox.ac.uk/podcasts/philosophy_for_beginners
Series of videos and podcasts of a very accessible 5 lecture series entitled Philosophy for Beginners.

C) Metaphysics

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fKBhvDjuy0
Powers of Ten: short clip illustrating the relative size of extremely large and small things relative to us. (metaphysics)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTWwY8Ok5I0
Charming illustration of Plato's allegory of the cave from the Republic.

http://scaleofuniverse.com/
Fun and attractive website with slider students can use to compare the relative size of objects: humans, continents, planets, etc. (metaphysics)

http://www.westernfrontonline.net/opinion/article_4430016f-af48-52e0-87e4-d0bc5c54e945.html
Accessible introduction article to Parfit's ethics and philosophy of mind (including his celebrated teleporter thought experiment).

http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20120321-how-big-is-space
BBC-produced graphic illustrating the size of space (metaphysics)

Movie: Blade Runner (1982) Classic action sci-fi film that explores the question 'what is a human being?'

Movie: Cold Souls (2009) A depressed actor pays to have his soul removed. Raises questions of ethics, free will, personhood/souls, ethics of new technologies.

Movie: Groundhog Day (1993) Classic Bill Murray comedy exploring questions of free will and determinism.

Movie: Inception (2010) A science fiction story occasions an exploration of solipsism, dreams, memory, and the nature of reality.

Movie: Memento (2001) Issues of personal identity and memory are forcefully dramatized through a story of a man who repeatedly loses his memory.

Movie: The Matrix (1999) Violent and glossy exploration of issues arising from Cartesian doubt and topics in the philosophy of mind. What is real? What is a person? How does deterring an ethical course relate to one's theory of mind and reality?

D) Ethics

http://commfaculty.fullerton.edu/lester/ethics/ethics_list.html
Great bibliography of ethics publications: business ethics, policing ethics, media, environmental, etc.

http://www.pbs.org/pov/educators/lesson-plans.php#.UXX7Kkrko-A
PBS' resources for teaching social and ethical issues with their documentaries.

http://www.mdc.edu/environethics/Lessonplans.asp#Arts_&_Philosophy
Minds-on, lesson plans, other resources for philosophy and ethics, including environmental ethics and aesthetics.

http://olc.spsd.sk.ca/DE/PD/instr/strats/simul/simlist.html
- amazing Canadian page of simulations, including environmental ethics; debates; election simulation; equity and legal trials simulations, and more.

http://www.worldof7billion.org/teacher_resources
Lessons, simulations and activities around ethics of global population and resource use.

A Forest for All 📄 - developed by the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, this lengthier sim is set in a fictitious town at odds about a proposed expansion of forest harvesting. The students are assigned roles as members of the community. Placed into groups these members take a specific position on the proposal. Having researched their position and roles, they bring their arguments to a town hall meeting. It's at this meeting that a decision is made on the matter. This simulation that fits well with the Gr. 7 Resource unit. The sim can be adapted to cover Gr. 7-12. The opening activity involves

listening to a radio program. The text of the broadcasts are in the printable materials.You can stream the audio via your computer for class use. The text of the program is in the downloadable document (.pdf file).

[Arborea media file](#) - listen to the radio broadcast through your computer

[Boreala media file](#) - listen to the radio broadcast through your computer

http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2007/07/16/the-good-the-bad-and-the-ethicist/
Ethics simulation

http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/philosopherszone/radical-hope/3157974#transcript
Podcast in which philosopher Jonathan Lear discusses how the concepts we use change, including a case study of how a culture under existential risk changed their concepts and way of life.

Movie: Blade Runner (1982) Classic action sci-fi film that explores the question 'what is a human being?' (metaphysics, ethics)

Movie: Cold Souls (2009) A depressed actor pays to have his soul removed. Raises questions of ethics, free will, personhood/souls, ethics of new technologies.

Movie: Crimes and Misdemeanors (1989) Woody Allen's class exploration of ethical objectivism VS realism told through adultery.

Movie: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975) Definitive anti-psychiatry film (referred to and explicated insightfully by Literary Theory: the basics, Chapter 6, Foucault and Power.)

Movie: Waking Life (2001) Existential themes are discussed and illustrated through dialogue, situations, and the visual style of the film. (metaphysics, epistemology, ethics).

E) Epistemology

www.youtube.com/user/Quirkology
Great short clips showing an illusion and how it is done. (epistemology)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TryOC83PH1g
One minute introduction to the Chinese Room thought experiment

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTWwY8Ok5I0
Charming illustration of Plato's allegory of the cave from the Republic.

http://depts.washington.edu/nwcenter/lessonsplansplatoallegory.html
Activity and lesson plan for Plato's allegory of the cave.

Movie: Memento (2001) Issues of personal identity and memory are forcefully dramatized through a story of a man who repeatedly loses his memory.

Movie: The Matrix (1999) Violent and glossy exploration of issues arising from Cartesian doubt and topics in the philosophy of mind. What is real? What is a person? How does deterring an ethical course relate to one's theory of mind and reality?

Movie: The Truman Show (1998) The film's titular character is raised from birth in an elaborate movie set that he thinks is his typical US hometown. Evokes Cartesian questions such a 'how do we know we're not in a dream'?

F) Philosophy of Science

http://www.eds-resources.com/edsci.htm#inventions
Lesson plans and ideas about inventors and inventions for philosophy of science strand

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EGDCh75SpQ
Short talk on 3 views of the reality of numbers.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3SLiQFdKnA
Amusing video distinguishing between science and pseudo-science

http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006mgxf/clips
BBC Horizion. Series of videos and interactive web content focusing on scientific discovery.

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Movie: Inception (2010) A science fiction story occasions an exploration of solipsism, dreams, memory, and the nature of reality.

G) Social and Political Philosophy

Movie: Chicken Run (2000) Charming animated movie portraying chickens rebelling from the chicken farmers through solidarity. (political philosophy)

http://www.elections.ca/content.aspx?section=vot&dir=yth/tea&document=index&lang=e (or Google 'Elections Canada teaching resources', look for 'Welcome Teachers")
Elections Canada teaching resources, including voting simulation.

http://www.worldof7billion.org/teacher_resources
Lessons, simulations and activities around ethics of global population and resource use.

http://www.carnegiecouncil.org/education/002/lessons/hi/index.html
Carnegie Council lesson plans on the ethics of humanitarian intervention