

Scene One

Open Curtains - Professor stood to the side with a podium. Back Wall
Labrador Transformation 101

Professor: Welcome students to Labrador Transformations 101. My name is Professor Gordon and today we are going to dive into the history of the rich labrador culture and environment and how we have seen it transform over the years. So guys do you need to go to the bathrooms? Cause if you do, you better go now. Wouldn't want you to miss this exciting class.

Just last week we attended a seminar on how make our classrooms a more interactive place. They were going on about using this technology. As if hearing me lecture wasn't exciting enough. However, do what the boss wants I suppose. I found a couple you ... you teach... to you.....bluetooth..... Aww youtube videos to help get my message across.

Professor opens laptop and fumbles and fools around with laptop loud music blares.

(Play Widgie in my Bootie)

Professor : Oops Wrong one, you weren't supposed to see that!!!

Clicks on Youtube.com - Just the screen Shot

Scene two starts :

Professor: So folks when we think of transformations, what do you think of?
What kind of transformation have you noticed here? What was that ? Yup... good one.... Yes... love that one. This video here shows how far we have come in the world with technology. Just take a look.

Waitress - Good Afternoon sir, how is it going?

Old Man : Oh good, good, good, How is you?

Waitress: I am great thanks, What's the headlines in the Labradorian today? Oh wow, a dog team gone missing. Goodness I hope they find them soon.

Old Man : Yes me too.. Sin eh... so cold and lonely for them poor doggies.

Waitress: What can I get you today?

Old Man: I'll have a couple pieces of golden homemade toast and some tea my love, with carnation milk. I like lots of butter on that toast. Oh and bring me a couple pieces of fried balogney. Some good to get out of my house and see some living folks. I don't get out much these days. Getting older by the day.

Waitress: Oh, no sir, yes come visit us anytime we loves serving kind gentleman like you. Your order sounds yummy, I will be right back with your food sir.

(Waitress heads to other table)

Waitress : Hello there Miss may I take your order please? Hello, Can I take your order? Order please? Can I get you something?

Person (without looking up) : A low fat Double frappuccino with a shot of espresso, and extra foam. 1 slice of multigrain with Quinoa toast hold the butter and egg white veggie omelet.

Waitress: Ok, is that everything? Can I get you anything else? (no response so waitress goes on a few seconds passes with the older generation looking over to the modern person.) Hmmm.... Guess not.

Waitress: (looks at the old man) Not sure how much company you're going to have today. She ain't very talkative.

Old Man: Good day, How are you mam? Nice day out there hey. I was just reading the news paper. My goodness some sad about that dog team. You from here?

Person: (looks at computer for a sec, then looks behind to see if he may be talking to someone else, realizes he is talking to them.) Yes.

Old Man: Oh you are... who are you belong too then maid. Some nice to be out of the house with people around me. Some good not to have to eat alone. Are you working on something? Busy I see.

Person: Yes !

Old Man: hmm.... Ok...I'll just sit here read my newspaper then. If you wanna chat just holler. Goodness I remember the days when cafes were full of chatter and company. Now it's just as well to stay home alone no one wants to talk to you anymore. Stay home a read the paper I suppose.

Waitress enters with food

Waitress : Here is your food Sir. Hope you enjoy your yummy meal.

Old Man: Thanks, but I am not as Hungry as I was. Use to go to restaurants and have a nice chat with the folks at the next table. But these days nobody got time for chatting with an old folk like me. (pushes his plate aside)

Waitress put food in front of the woman.

Woman : Thanks so much.

Waitress: Oh you have all your work done? Hmm... Enjoy your healthy snack.

Person : Thanks so much. Looks delicious.

Waitress: She seems to have a personality there now sir.

Old Man: Hahahahahaha

Person: Hey sir, what is that you're eating there. It looks sinfully delicious.

Old man: oh this ... buttered homemade toast and fried bologna. How's your food girly?

Person: Hmm... not as good as yours I bet. So you live around here.

Old Man: (Big Smile comes across his face, turns his chair to face the lady and offers her some toast.... She takes it, shuts her computer) Oh my goodness yes I lived here all my life, grew up here, married the love of my life and raised 3 beautiful daughters.... All moved away now and my wife died 5 years ago.... My girls gone away barely got time to talk to me..... Loves coming out to places like this for a bit of company.... I am so glad you have time for a chat.

Person: Oh what a sin. You must find it lonely do ya?

Old Man: Yes very, sometimes my granddaughter comes to visit but she spends all her time in the room on her phone. The world is not like it use to be. Before these phones and stuff, we played games, and had all kinds of fun.

Person: Yeah, I can see that. I get wrapped up in it too much too some times. I didn't even realize how rude I was until I overheard you talking about losing your appetite. I hate it when my son gets wrapped up in all his electronics, now here I am doing the same sort of thing. I am so glad I came today. Next time I goes into a restaurant I will remember you and our little chat.

Professor : As you can see, life has changed a lot over the years. Once upon a time people used other people for company. They ate old fashion food and loved to live a very simple life. These days people are wrapped up in technology and have no time for personal connections and face to face interactions. However, we just seen and example of how a few minutes of one ladies time made the day of another man who was just craving some human interaction and attention. Don't forget that when you're caught up in your fast paced lives.

Any comments? Questions? Concerns? Thanks everyone. That's it for today's lecture. We will see you back tomorrow morning Where we will explore more Labrador Transformations and talking about how the environment has changed over the Years... I got another tubeyou video to show you.

Scene 2 - The Environment

Berry Picking

Older lady and young person comes along. Explains the changes she seen. They sit down and talk together.

Professor: Welcome back to Labrador Transformations 101. I am so glad you're all here. I guess I am pretty exciting. Today we are going to look at the environment. No no no we aren't going outside for a field trip. But I did find a video again that I think you would like. You see years and years ago the land was what the aboriginals lived off. Caribou, berries, and Fresh pink salmon was what the people ate. Men would go on the land to hunt, and the women and kids would stock up for the winter with juicy berries. Even just a few years ago the berries would cover the land and lots of salmon to catch. Caribou though... been

a while since they been caught and eat. Life just hasn't been the same in Labrador. Anybody have any ideas why?

Spencer : Muskrat Falls

Professor : Yes ... yes ... anything else

Danielle : Global Warming

Professor : Another good one...

Tia: Bubblegum

Professor : Well I don't know how bubblegum fits in the picture but some good ideas there, I will say no more. Here is a little clip I found that these three young folks made that sums up the changes we see in Labrador. Hmmm back in my day we wrote essays but these days the kids are creating all kinds of digital

masterpieces. They tell the story of their grandparents day vs. now and how their culture has changed because of the environment and it's abuse.

Tia: Welcome to our Youtube Channel

Danielle: Yeah.... Peace everyone... Man have we got the video for you today. We are here in the beautiful Big Land.

Tia: We sure do... We going to show you how our environment is destructed. We want to introduce you to our special guest the Metis berry picking machine.....

(Spencer jumps out - Sideways jump)

Spencer : Yeah everyone.... Man no berries anywhere.... Let's go on the search and I'll show you the changes...

Tia & Danielle: Yeah... let's go.... Come on.... Berries ... yummm

Spencer: You see over there??? That was the best berry picking grounds there was. But you see that's where the transmission line went through for Muskrat Falls.... Use to get lots of berries out there.

Tia: What happened to the berries?

Spencer: There was all kinds of work and machinery in here a few years back. Tearing up the ground, putting in towers and bringing electricity all through Labrador to sending it to the Island and Nova Scotia. The older folk says they tore up our berry grounds. Disturbed the wildlife too. The few berries that are left the poor bears scrabbles for them to make them fat for the winter. But the bears got to resort to the community dumps and garbage bins now.

Danielle: I know... never use to get bears on the north side of the harbour in Cartwright or out on the point but now they are doing whatever they gotta do to get food. Wicked by.

Tia: Life sure has changed.

Spencer: Let's walk a little further. I'll show you the river that use to be full of salmon. Now there isn't barely one to be seen. Perhaps we will try for a fish.

Tia: Ohhhh I love fishing.....

Danielle: Me too

Spencer: Over there... you see that River? That river use to be right full of fish put your fly in and bam you had a salmon. Now and days you're here for hours. Some people say it was the overfishing, some people say it's climate change and some blame it on poisoning from the hydro electric projects and some people just blame it on Danny Williams.

Danielle: So we won't get no fishies today if we try?

Spencer: Be a long shot but you never knows.

Tia: Well thanks everyone for watching this youtube video. Subscribe to our youtube channel and leave a like.

Danielle: Yeah don't forget to hit that subscribe button and find out if we catch any fishies.

Tia, Danielle & Spencer : Peace Out

Professor: You can see there has been many changes in the environment. What was once a land you could live from has become a land of Mega projects and money driven companies coming in to tear everything up. I guess some would say that's a beneficial transformation but some more would say the simple life is what it is all about. I will leave that thought up to you. We return next day with one last lesson on this topic and boy it's a good one. How far have the world has come in the terms of equality and acceptance.

Acceptance -

Professor: Welcome back to our last seminar on Labrador Transformations. Not much to discuss about this one. The video I am about to show you is pretty deep. Have a look.

Play Song - Waiting on the world to change -

Someone standing there - First Label comes out - first person turns away. Another label comes out and they partner and walk off Then three walk out and come to the person he still turns away they gather together and hang out. Then the fourth & Fifth person comes out try to talk to the person and he turns. The group gets them to come over. There is five people together and they are having fun. Finally the loner comes toward them they ask him to join.

Professor joins them

Professor: No Matter what transforms in the world, the most important thing that should always stay the same is respect and kindness.