

**"The Movement to Remove the French Language from Local School Systems" student
essay, interviews, and other materials, 2001**

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This collection consists of material from a course project entitled "The Movement to Remove the French Language from Local School Systems." The project, by Kristen Dube, Brenda Daigle, Melissa Voisine, Jessica Gagnon, and Nichole Porter, was created for an anthropology class taught by Professor Mariella Squire during the spring 2001 semester at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. The project focused on the 1963 movement to force all students in Maine to speak only English in schools. This controversial legislation deeply affected the Saint John Valley region of northern Maine, where, for many students, French was the primary language. For the project, the students interviewed Annette Grant of Saint John Plantation, Maine, and Brenda Daigle of Fort Kent, Maine. This collection contains an essay, interview questions, journals and field notes kept by the students, an analysis of the group work, an interview summary, interviewee biographical sketches, interview transcripts, and an audiocassette of the two interviews.

Inventory:

Folder 1:

- Item 1: Interviews with Annette Grant and Brenda Daigle. 1 audiocassette.
- Item 2: "The Movement to Remove the French Language from Local School Systems." Essay. 11 p.
- Item 3: Questions for the interview on March 29, 2001. 2 p.
- Item 4: Miscellaneous data. 5 p.
- Item 5: Journal and field notes, compiled by Brenda A. Daigle. 5 p.
- Item 6: Analysis of French Acadian group and individual work. 2 p.
- Item 7: French culture questions. 2 p.
- Item 8: Field notes and interview summary. 2 p.
- Item 9: Interview summaries of Brenda Daigle and Annette Grants. 2 p.
- Item 10: Interview questionnaire forms. 2 p.
- Item 11: Interview with Kristen Dube and Annette Grant. 15 p.
- Item 12: Tape transcript. 5 p.

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