Why not celebrate Geography Awareness Week with your family by watching movies that relate to geography? Below are some of Can Geo Education’s favourite movies that include themes that connect to geography and social studies. Tip: most movies available on Netflix come with French audio or subtitles, so whether you watch in English or French, take a minute to think about nature, our roles as global citizens, and all other aspects of geography!

**Animated Movies and Shows / Films d'animation et émissions**

**WALL-E:** This animated movie follows the life of a robot who has been left behind to clean up the Earth when all the humans evacuated the world after destroying it. This heartwarming story shows the dangers of polluting the Earth so horribly that it is no longer livable while still offering hope for the future.

**Over the Hedge:** In this story, animals awaken from their winter hibernation to discover their forest habitat has shrunk due to suburban development. These critters find crafty ways to get food after the destruction of their environment has changed how they normally survive in the wild.
**Hoot:*** This movie is a great example of the difference kids can have on the world! A group of children set out to save a burrowing owl habitat that is at risk of destruction due to the construction of a pancake house. Use this film as a jumping-off point for discussions around how your family can take action for wildlife at home or in your community!

**Happy Feet:*** Explore Antarctica and meet some fun-loving emperor penguins. Ask your children along the way what they learned from the movie!

**Avatar: The Last Airbender:*** The world of *Avatar: The Last Airbender* is divided into four independent nations, each with unique physical geography, landmarks, climates, and demography that conform to the quality or attributes of the nation’s corresponding element. This is similar to Earth, where we have many different locations around the world differing in these same ways!

**Documentaries / Documentaires**

**My Octopus Teacher:*** When Craig Foster begins freediving, he comes across a young octopus. As he follows the octopus and observes his life, he gains the octopus’ trust and learns from him.

**David Attenborough: A Life on our Planet:*** In this recently released documentary, David Attenborough provides a witness statement of the effects that humans have had on the planet over the course of his life and suggests how the environment could be affected if we don’t change our ways soon. It is an enlightening documentary that everyone should watch.

**Planet Earth:*** Watching the *Planet Earth* series is a great way to learn about our world while viewing captivating and beautiful filmography.

**Growing up Wild:*** Follow five different animals, who live in some of the wildest places on Earth, as they take their first big steps and learn from their families about finding food and staying safe from danger.

**Connected: The Hidden Science of Everything:*** This Netflix series follows science journalist Latif Nasser as he explores how every human is connected to each other and the world in different and often surprising ways.
Live-Action Movies / Films d'action en direct

**The Englishman Who Went Up A Hill But Came Down A Mountain:** This movie explores cartography and the important work of surveyors as it follows a surveyor who shows up in a town in Wales to measure the elevation of a hill to determine if it is indeed a mountain.

**Rabbit-Proof Fence:** This film, about three Indigenous Australian children who were removed from their homes against their wishes and sent to school, explores a difficult subject. This story follows their escape and shines a light on the beliefs and culture of the First Peoples of Australia.

**The Endless Summer:** In this surfing movie, a group of surfers adapt to unique landscapes in their search for the perfect wave as they explore different areas, surfing in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Tahiti, and Hawaii.

**Free Willy:** Explore the subject of animal captivity and the importance of letting animals live free in their natural habitats. This film shows the negative impact of animal captivity for human enjoyment and what is lost when animals are removed from the wild.

**The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind:** When a 13-year-old boy is kicked out of school because his family can't pay the fees, this doesn't stop him from sneaking back into the library to learn how to make a windmill to harness power for his village.

**Selma:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his supporters march in a civil protest from Selma to Montgomery to object to the discrimination that makes it difficult for the black population in the United States to register to vote.