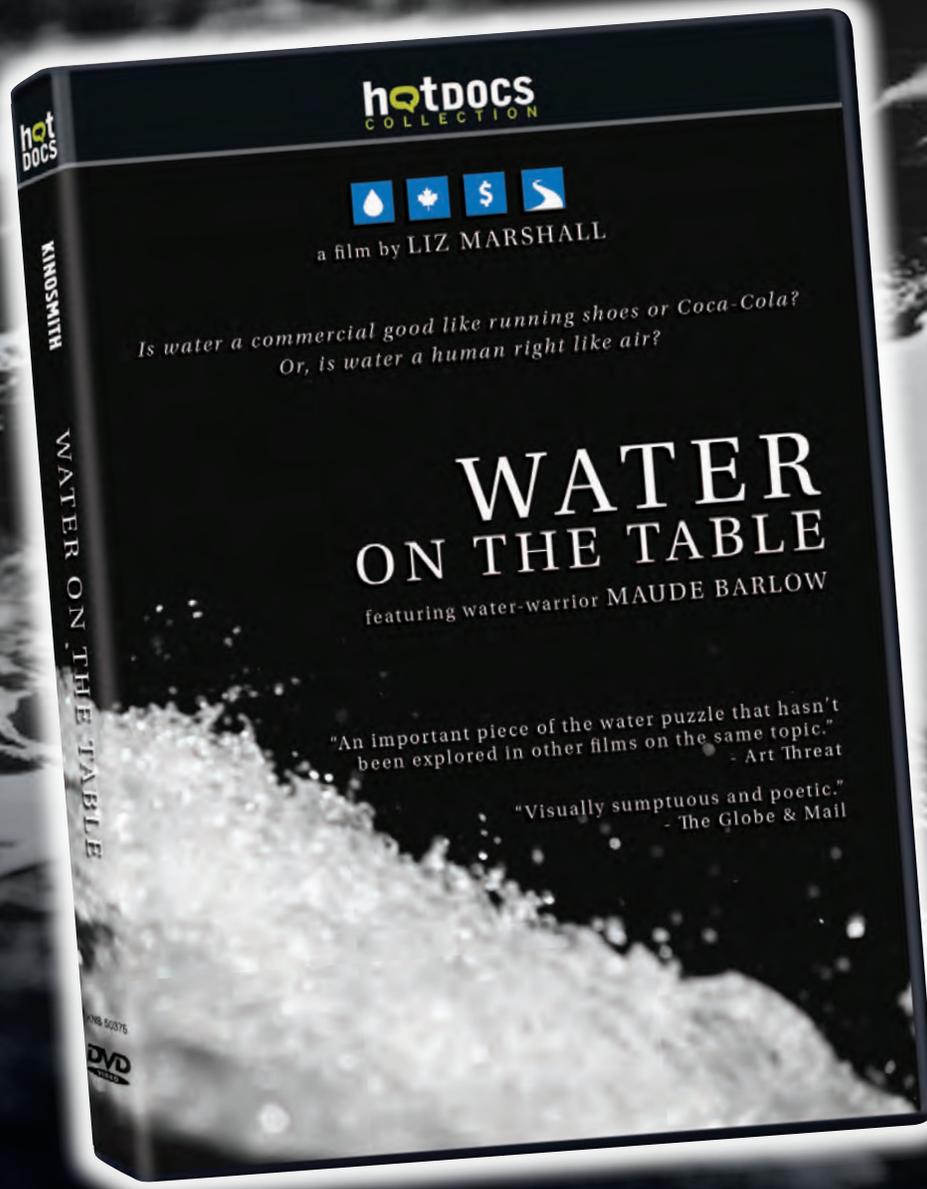




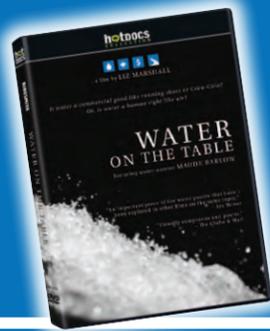
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Or, is water a human right like air?*



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TEACHER'S GUIDE

A resource for those studying Canada's water, the environment, environmental law, Canada-US relations, trade, natural resource management, First Nations and Aboriginal studies, and policy-making.



“Rivers have rights to flow to the sea.

– Maude Barlow

“There’s a mighty struggle taking place in the world between those who see water as a commodity to be put on the open market like running shoes or Coca-Cola and sold to the highest bidder and those on the other who say, no, it’s part of our common heritage. It’s a public trust. It belongs to other species and it belongs to future generations as much as it belongs to this one.”

– Maude Barlow

“I cannot understand why we are so viscerally opposed to the reasonable exploitation of this resource, which is going to be very much in demand internationally and which we could keep for ourselves in our backyard and say, no, we don’t want to sell this, we don’t want to share this with anybody else in the world. This is going to become a position which will be unacceptable on a political, humanitarian and social level. Eventually, people will just come and help themselves to the water.”

– Marcel Boyer, Economist

“I mean it is so obvious that human beings use nature. And they’ve been doing it since day one, whenever day one occurred. Whenever humans became capable of thinking and rationally working their way through an understanding of their environment, they have been using nature.”

– Terence Corcoran, Editor, Financial Post

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“We need new laws to regulate human behaviour in order to protect the integrity of the earth, and all species on it, from our wanton exploitation.

This is my life’s mission in the years I have left.”

– Maude Barlow

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