

TIME FOR KIDS AROUND THE WORLD

TEACHER'S GUIDE FOR CANADA



RESOURCES

Books

Crazy About Canada! Amazing Things Kids Want to Know
by Vivien Bowers
(Maple Tree Press, 2006)
Real questions from real kids.

Websites

civilization.ca
Explore the Canadian Museum of Civilization's virtual exhibits and digital collections.

ANSWER KEY

Canadian History (p. 4)

- 1896
- John Cabot
- Nunavut
- false
- French
- 26 years ago (from 2008)

Map It Out (p. 5)

- true
- North America
- east
- Answers may include *British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.*
- About 2,000 miles

Canadian Heritage (p. 8)

- Nunavut
- Possible answer: Many Canadians might have British or French roots because England and France once had colonies in Canada.

Teacher's Guide Neighboring Nations

On chart Land Area: 3,855,103
Total Population: 33,212,696
Official Languages: English and French; English
Products: wheat, barley, maple syrup, fish, dairy, motor vehicles, wood, paper, natural gas
1. true
2-4. Answers will vary.
Bonus: Answers may include *motor vehicles, natural gas, forest products, agricultural products and aircraft.*

READING TIPS

Before and After Reading Have students locate Canada on a world map or globe. As a group, complete a KWL chart about the country. Review after reading.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

LANGUAGE ARTS



Story Time Storytelling is an important part of Inuit culture. In the oral tradition, stories are passed down from one generation to the next. Many Inuit tales focus on land and sea animals, and reflect the Inuit's deep respect for the natural world.

Activity: Challenge students to do dramatic retellings of the Inuit tale "Sedna and King Gull" (page 8).

SOCIAL STUDIES



Dual Languages English and French are Canada's two official languages. The Canadian federal government must conduct business and provide services in both. The latest Canadian census shows that 57.8% of Canadian citizens are native English speakers, while 22% of Canadians identify French as their first language. **Discuss:** Why do you think Canada has two official languages, and why are they English and French? In the United States, English is the official language. The next most-spoken language is Spanish. How would you explain the language differences between the U.S. and our neighbor to the north?

ART



Totem Tales Native people who live along Canada's northwest coast use redwood, fir and cedar trees to carve totem poles (see a photo of a totem pole on page 2). Brightly painted, and covered with carved images of symbolic animals and

people, totem poles serve many purposes. Some poles identify a family's home, describe a family event or honor a person who has died. Others tell native stories. **Activity:** Challenge students to design totem poles to symbolize their families. Explain that totem poles are read from top to bottom. Have students draw animals to represent each family member and draw symbols to represent family events. Have them color and cut out their drawings. Challenge students to interpret one another's designs.



SCIENCE

Air Care Air pollution in Canada hurts forests and lakes. Each year in June, Canadians celebrate Clean Air Day. **Discuss:** What is air pollution? What causes air pollution? (*Burning fossil fuels, such as oil, coal and gasoline*)

Activity: Have students test for air pollution with this experiment. Place students in small groups. Give two large jar lids to each group. Tell students to write their names on the lid bottoms. Then have students coat the inside of the lids with petroleum jelly. Place the lids in different places around school. Have students observe each lid daily for visible pollutants. At the end of the week, discuss probable causes of the pollution in each area.

BORDER ART The border art that appears on pages 6 and 7 (see below) is based on Ukrainian *pysanky* eggs, which are part of the Canadian Museum of Civilization's folk culture collection. The collection—and the border art—reflects Canada's multicultural heritage.



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Have students visit TFK's Around the World: Canada minisite. After completing the virtual tour, have kids take the Canada challenge. Use this quiz to assess students' comprehension.

Neighboring Nations

Canada and the United States share much more than a border. To find out just how much these two countries have in common, complete the chart. Use your *Around the World: Canada* issue and other resources to help you. Then answer the questions.

	Canada	United States
Land Area (square miles)		3,536,294
Total Population		304,146,449 (as of July 2008)
Official Language(s)		
Products		Wheat, cotton, vegetables, cattle, automobiles, lumber
Top Trading Partners	U.S., Japan, United Kingdom	Canada, Mexico, China
Top Export Partner	U.S.	Canada
Top Import Partner	U.S.	Canada

1. True or false: Canada has more total land area than the U.S., but a much smaller population.

2. How do Canadians and Americans benefit from sharing a friendly border?

3. An **import** is a product that is brought into a country for sale. An **export** is a product that one country sells to another country. Why do countries need both imports and exports?

4. How do you know that trade is important between the U.S. and Canada?

BONUS: What products does Canada export to the U.S.? Use books and the Internet to find answers.