

Canadian
Culture
(A Quick Look)



Background Information (1)

- Canada's culture - influenced by European culture and traditions, especially British and French
- A country composed mainly of immigrants
 - Themes and Symbols: pioneers, trappers, and traders
- Official symbols – maple leaf, beaver, and the Canadian horse
 - Jacques Viger (first mayor of Montreal): "the king of our forest; ... the symbol of the Canadian people."
 - Louis XIV: sent horses to Canada (late 17th century)
 - in connection with images of red-coated Mounties



Background Information (2)

- Ethnic groups: Anglophone 28%, Francophone 23%, other European 15%, Asian/Arab/African 6%, indigenous Amerindian 2%, mixed background 26%
- Languages: English, French
- "Canada" comes from the Huron and Iroquois word "Kanata" meaning "village"



Quick Facts

- Canada's birthday is on the first of July (1867)
- Canada is the second largest country in the world (9,971,000 square kilometres of land)
 - there are six time zones
- Canada is in the top five producers of natural gas, copper, zinc, nickel, aluminum, and gold
- Canada has the fourth lowest population density in the world with only three people per square kilometer
- Motto - "From sea to sea"
- Hockey is the national sport of Canada



Territories and Provinces

- Provinces (10) - Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, and Saskatchewan
- Territories (3) - Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Yukon
- A province receives relatively greater power and authority directly from the Crown, whereas territories derive their mandates from the federal government



10 Provinces





Alberta

- Alberta was named after Princess Louise Caroline Alberta of Britain
- Capital city – Edmonton
- Alberta's motto - "strong and free"
- It is known as Canada's "energy province"
- Immigrants - Britain, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, the East and Southeast Asia
- It is the main producer of coal, oil and natural gas in Canada

British Columbia

- Capital city – Victoria on Vancouver Island
- Motto - "Splendour without diminishment"
- Immigrants - from Britain, Western Europe, East and Southeast Asia, Bangladesh, and Pakistan
- B.C. has the largest Chinese community in Canada
- Largest industry - Forestry
- B.C. has the largest fishing industry in Canada



Manitoba



- It is located in the center of Canada
- "Manitoba" - a Cree name meaning "the place where the spirit (manitou) speaks"
- Capital city – Winnipeg
- Motto-"Glorious and Free"
- Manitoba is home to many native peoples
- Immigrants - Britain, Europe, Europe, East and Southeast Asia
- Manitoba - the land of 100,000 lakes
- Important industry - Hydro-electric power

New Brunswick

- Capital city – Fredericton
- It is the third-smallest province
- Motto - "Hope was restored"
- Many people are of French, British, Scottish and Irish origin
- N.B. - the main producer of lead, zinc, copper, and bismuth
- Main industry is forestry
 - Paper, newspaper, magazines, tissue, wooden doors and windows
- Main crop - potatoes



Newfoundland and Labrador

- Capital city - St. John's
- Motto - "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God"
- People live in small fishing villages near the coast
- Immigrants - Britain, Western Europe, East and Southeast Asian
- Nfld. is the main producer of iron ore
- Main exports - oil, fish products, newsprint, iron ore and electricity





Novo Scotia

- Capital city - Halifax
 - Halifax is an international seaport and transportation center
- "Nova Scotia" means "New Scotland" in Latin
 - Motto: "One defends and the other conquers"
- Immigrants - Britain, Western Europe, and Southern Europe
- N.S. - Canada's oldest African-Canadian community
- Major industries - Coal mining and fishing/fish processing (now less)

Ontario



- Capital city – Toronto
 - Toronto has a large financial district and the stock exchange
- Ottawa - the capital of Canada is in southern Ontario
- The Iroquoians - Ontario = "Kanadario" = "sparkling water"
- Motto - "Loyal she began, loyal she remains"
- Immigrants - Italian, German, Chinese, Portuguese, Indian, Polish and Caribbean origin
- Niagara Falls
- Main producer - nickel, cobalt, salt, and magnesium
- Leading producer of fruit and vegetables

Prince Edward Island

- It is the smallest province
- Capital city – Charlottetown
 - The "birthplace of Canada" where leaders met in 1864 to discuss the formation of the country
- Named "Prince Edward" in honor of the father of Queen Victoria in 1799
- Motto: "the small under the protection of the great"
- About 75 percent are of Scottish and Irish origin
- Red soil - made of red sandstone
- Largest industry – agriculture
- Second largest industry – tourism
- Third largest industry - fishing



Quebec

- The largest province
- Capital city - Quebec City
- Quebec - a French-speaking province
- Algonquin - Quebec = "Kebe" = "the place where the river narrows"
- Motto - "Je me souviens" = "I remember"
- Montreal - 67% mother tongue is French
- Immigrants - France, Britain, Southern Europe, and East and Southeast Asia
- Largest industry - dairy
- Main producer of maple syrup



Saskatchewan

- Capital city – Regina
- Motto: "From many peoples strength"
- Immigrants - Germany, Ukraine, Scandinavia, Poland, Russia, Britain, France
- Wheat crop - over 54 percent
- Leading exporter of potash (fertilizer)



3 Territories



Northwest Territories

- Second-largest
- Population - Almost half are aboriginal (Dene, Inuvialuit and Metis)
- Capital city – Yellowknife
- Hunts and Traps - beaver, lynx, fox, marten, muskrat, polar bear
- Tourism - people come to see the wildlife and natural beauty





Nunavut

- The largest territory and has one-fifth of the land in Canada
- Capital city – Iqaluit
 - Canada's most northern capital
- Motto - Nunavut, our strength
 - *Nunavut means our land*
- Population – 85% are the Inuit, the aborigines
- The land and water are frozen most of the year
- Tourism: People come to fish, hike, camp, hunt, to see the wildlife

Yukon



- The smallest territory
- Capital city – Whitehorse
- Yukon = Great River
- Mount Logan - the highest mountain in Canada (6000 m.)
- Tourism - People visit the Yukon to hike, raft, camp, rock climb, fish, see wildlife, and hunt
- The largest industry - mining (gold, lead, zinc and silver)



Inventions and Discoveries

- *Cirque du Soleil* ([Clip 1](#))
 - Montréal: first home for circus arts education in Canada more than 25 years ago
 - National Circus School at TOHU (La Cité des Arts du Cirque)
- *Superman* - created by Canadian Joe Shuster
- Chocolate bars - in 1910, Arthur Ganong and George Ensor, factory superintendents, wanted to take chocolate along with them on fishing trips so they created nut-bars
- Insulin - In 1923, Frederick Banting, a Canadian medical student was awarded the Nobel Prize for discovering a successful method of extracting the hormone from the organ
- Basketball - invented by James Naismith in 1891, in the city of Montréal, Quebec