Canada • Famous Canadians

Classes might want to learn more about ...

- Canadian entertainers and artists
- historical figures (prime ministers, folk heroes like Laura Secord)
- Canadian scientists and inventors
- qualities that Canadians admire
- annual events related to famous Canadians (Terry Fox Run)
- women heroes

Learners find it useful to ...

- visit art gallery/museum
- listen to contemporary songs by Canadian artists
- ❖ read excerpts from Canadian poems or stories
- talk to Canadians about who they consider to be a hero
- memorize polite expressions for disagreeing with another's opinion

Suggested Resources

- Canada From Eh to Zed
- Ontario Reader 1997: "The fastest man in the world"
- Ontario Reader 1998: "Elvis aims for the gold"
- Ontario Reader 1999: "Canada's ambassador of jazz"
- National Film Board short films based on works by variety of Canadians (The Sweater / My Financial Career / The Log Driver's Waltz)

Maclean's cover: 100 Canadians: http://www.macleans.ca/newsroom070198/cov1070198.html

Alexander Graham Bell-click the Man: http://www.fitzgeraldstudio.com/html/bell/

Well-known people who happen to be Canadians: http://alvin.lbl.gov/terning/canadians.html

biography, famous Canadians, or name of famous person

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Topic Outcomes

By the end of this topic, learners will be able to:

- relate a story explaining and giving reasons why a person became or has become famous
- describe the characteristics and strengths of a remarkable person
- identify main ideas and supporting details in a story about a famous Canadian
- write a brief report about a famous Canadian

Language Focus

Items to help learners achieve the outcomes:

- adjectives, expressions to describe characteristics (courageous, ambitious, intelligent, persistent, energetic, discouraged, to not give up, to be ahead of one's time)
- adjectives: comparatives and superlatives
- compound sentences
- logical connectors (after, later, in conclusion, in addition)
- report-writing conventions including introductory, body and concluding paragraphs
- pronunciation: non-final intonation in two clause sentences

Sample Language Tasks

- 1. Listen to a song by a current Canadian singer. Do a cloze exercise based on the lyrics.
- **2.** Read a text about a famous Canadian of past or present. Identify information from the text as fact or opinion.
- **3.** Write a short story about a famous person in own country.

Sample Computer Tasks

Computer Levels: All

Computer Skills: Open/Close application, select and navigate through options, Mouse Tutorial

Explore Canada-click Index-double click any famous Canadian e.g. Alexander Graham Bell, Jacques

Cartier. Do Exercise.

Tense Buster-Lower Intermediate-Simple Past-Practice Questions

Canada ■ Immigration History

Classes might want to learn more about ...

- (Confederation, War of 1812)
- famous Canadians from history
- pioneer life
- contributions made by immigrants
- immigration patterns in Canadian history
- discriminatory practices against minority groups in the past (e.g. Chinese poll tax, internment of Japanese Canadians)
- why immigrant groups settled in certain regions of Canada

Learners find it useful to ...

- read Canadian history texts from "Youth" section of library
- visit a historic house or museum for first-hand experience of life in early Canada
- watch short videos about historic events e.g. Canada Post ads, Canada Vignettes
- wise repetition and rephrasing to verify understanding of spoken instructions, directions

Suggested Resources

- The Ontario Times (February 1996): "Canada: Land of Immigrants"
- Oh Canada; Speaking of Canada (National Film Board of Canada)

Maclean's cover: 100 Canadians: http://www.macleans.ca/newsroom070198/cov1070198.html

Today's Canadian Headline: http://www1.sympatico.ca/cgi-bin/on_this_day

Today in History: http://www.canoe.ca/CNEWS/history.html

Canadian history

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Canada ■ Immigration History

Topic Outcomes

By the end of this topic, learners will be able to:

- give and follow instructions involving a sequence of steps
- get information about a local historic site or museum in person or on the telephone
- understand texts about immigration patterns in Canadian history
- find specific information about museums in brochures
- write a brief report about the struggles and hardships of immigrants in the past

Language Focus

Items to help learners achieve the outcomes:

- vocabulary for countries, nationalities (British, Britain, Irish, Ireland, French, France, Chinese, China)
- vocabulary for reasons for migrating (famine, persecution, flee, religious freedom, opportunity)
- other vocabulary (settlers, pioneers, Confederation, Upper Canada, Lower Canada, Iroquois, Huron)
- simple past tense in declarative and interrogative sentences
- compound and complex sentences
- **conjunctions** (because, but, so)
- past necessity (had to)
- sequence and time markers
- wh-questions

Sample Language Tasks

- 1. Listen to a recorded message from a museum and take notes of details such as hours of operation, major attractions, special programs and admission prices.
- **2.** Read brochure from museum/historic house to find features, hours of operation, admission costs, tour information, location.
- **3.** Information gap: Read brief texts about immigration waves in Canada; groups create timelines with dates and important information about the immigrant groups.

Sample Computer Tasks

Computer Levels: All

Computer Skills: Open/Close application, select and navigate through options, Mouse Tutorial

Explore Canada-History-Canada Today, Page 1 (Levels 1 & 2). Do Exercise.

Canada ■ Rights & Freedoms

Classes might want to learn more about ...

- ① community services and agencies that can provide information and advice
- ights related to specific areas, such as employment, housing, family law
- ① Ontario Human Rights Code (and Commission)
- ① Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- ① Canadian Human Rights Commission
- ① common situations where newcomers are often unaware of their rights (e.g. landlord - tenant, employment standards)

Learners find it useful to ...

- develop listening skills by listening to recorded telephone messages about rights (Employment Standards, E.I.)
- listen for main ideas and identify key words
- seek out advice and information from agencies in own ethnic community
- talk to an expert (e.g. legal counsellor) about problem before taking any action
- access education sites about rights on the Internet geared to school children

Suggested Resources

- It's Your Right
- A Look at the News (May 99): "Tyrell Dueck's Cancer Care"; (Nov 98) "National Government Registry"; "APEC Inquiry"
- CLEO (Community Legal Education Ontario)
- literature on a variety of rights-related topics from Law Society of Upper Canada: http://www.lsuc.on.ca
 Ontario Human Rights Commission: http://www.ohrc.on.ca/index2.htm
 Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms: http://www.gc.ca/canadiana/
 - Canadian Human Rights Commission: http://www.chrc-ccdp.ca/
- human rights, rights and freedoms Canada

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Canada ■ Rights & Freedoms

Topic Outcomes

By the end of this topic, learners will be able to:

- ask for and give information about rights
- relate a story or event about rights
- give advice and suggestions about action to take when rights are violated
- understand rights and freedoms guaranteed by law in Canada
- write about a situation where rights have or may have been violated
- write a description of rights and freedoms in Canada compared with those in other countries

Language Focus

Items to help learners achieve the outcomes:

- vocabulary (equal pay, violate, discrimination, harassment, privacy)
- modals for obligation and necessity
- modals, expressions for suggestions (should, could, might, may, maybe, try ---ing)
- simple present and past tenses in negative and interrogative sentences
- prepositions of time
- equality (as important as)
- pronunciation: "sh"/"ch" contrast see Ellis Master Pronunciation

Sample Language Tasks

- **1.** Brainstorm types of rights and freedoms enjoyed by people in Canada and compare to Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
- **2.** Jigsaw reading: read and discuss situation about conflicting rights or freedoms from different points of view (e.g. freedom of speech).
- **3.** Write a paragraph describing rights and freedoms guaranteed by law in Canada or another country.

Sample Computer Tasks

Computer Levels: All

Computer Skills: Open/Close application, select and navigate through options, Mouse Tutorial

Explore Canada- Index-Rights, Constitution, and Laws. Do Exercise.