

Changing Family & Community Traditions

Heritage and Identity Series

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Overall Expectations

Application: compare some significant traditions and celebrations among diverse groups and at different times, and identify some of the reasons for changes in these traditions/celebrations.

Inquiry: use the social studies inquiry process to investigate some of the past and present traditions and celebrations within their own family and the communities to which they belong.

Understanding Context: describe some of the major groups in their community, including different types of families, and some of the ways in which traditions and heritage are passed on by such groups.

Big Ideas

Understanding the diversity that exists among families and within the local community leads to an appreciation of diverse perspective.

The traditions that we celebrate today have developed over the generations.
Canada is made up of various communities that have diverse traditions and celebrations.

Framing Questions

How does an understanding of unique individuals and groups help us appreciate the diversity in our community?

Why is it important to have an understanding of your family's past?

Why should we respect the diverse cultures and traditions in the communities in which we live?

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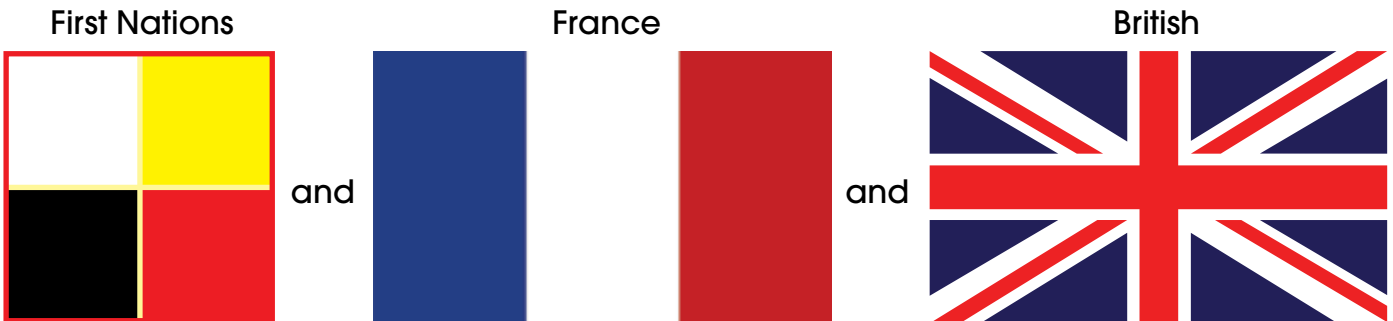


Our Heritage and Identity

Background Information

Canada has many traditions and customs from First Nations, French and British who settled the land.

Britain includes people living in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.



As time passed, our country grew to include people from all over the world. They brought their customs and traditions to Canada with them.

What do they mean?

Ancestors are family members who lived before you.

Traditions are things that have happened for a long period of time.

A **Community** can be a group of people living in the same area. It can also be a group of people with shared education or religious backgrounds.

A **Celebration** is when people come together to recognize an event.

A **Holiday** is a special day of celebration.





Our Heritage and Identity

There are a lot of families that have lived in Canada for many generations. Their ancestors moved here a long time ago.



First Nations people have always lived in Canada.



People move to Canada from different countries every day. People move for all kinds of reasons.



There are more than 200 different ethnic backgrounds living in Canada.

Many newcomers do not speak English or French. Some come from countries that are very different from Canada.

Often when people move to Canada they settle in areas where there are other people who speak the same language. They create a community and bring over their holidays and traditions.

What do they mean?

Generations

happen within families. Your grandparents, parents and you make up three different generations.

Culture is made up of the beliefs, customs, arts, thinking of a people.

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