

Canada's Physical Regions



Arctic Region Inquiry Focus

-Explain how different communities have adapted to the climate and geography of the region.

- How has change affected people in the Arctic?
- What challenges does climate change bring to the future of the Arctic Region?
- How has the creation of Nunavut affected life for its citizens?
- How can Canada assert its claim over the Arctic Region?

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Cordillera Region Inquiry Focus

-Identify ways that the landscape of this region affects ways of life.

- What is the balance between the use of natural resources and sustaining the environment in this region?
- How have natural resources shaped life in the Cordillera Region?
- How do the Rocky Mountains and Pacific Ocean affected the quality of life in the Cordillera Region?

Canadian Shield Inquiry Focus

-How did the fur trade influence life for First Nations people in the Canadian Shield Region?

- List the factors that drew Europeans to explore this region.
- How have the natural resources of the Canadian Shield affected life in this region?
- What challenges do people in the Canadian Shield Region face today?

Atlantic Region Inquiry Focus

-How does the ocean affect ways of life and identity in the Atlantic region?

- Why did people settle in the Atlantic Region?
- Even though they faced physical hardships, why was this region attractive to the Acadians and the Loyalists?
- What are the economic challenges faced by the people of the Atlantic Region and how are they addressing them?
- How has Africville and Acadia developed as unique communities in the Atlantic Region?

Interior Plains Inquiry Focus

-How did the physical geography of this region shape its history?

- How did settlers change the region?
- How did the creation of the Canadian Pacific Railway affect the Interior Plains Region?
- Why is water such a critical issue for the Interior Plains Region?
- How can people in the Interior Plains Region balance economic development and environmental concerns?

Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Lowlands Inquiry Focus

-How does the St. Lawrence River affect ways of life in this region?

- How did First Nations people make it possible for Europeans to successfully settle in this region?
- Why are First Nations people and Francophones so important to the identity of this region?
- Why has the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Region become the most populated region in Canada?

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Canada, Our Country



Building Canada Inquiry Focus

-Explain the role of Confederation in building Canada.

- What were the challenges to building a railway across Canada?
- What effects has the building of the railway had on Canada and its people?
- What key events have shaped ways of life in Canada?
- If you were creating a country from a diverse group of colonies, how would you overcome the challenges?
- Why is Canada an officially bilingual country?

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Through Good Times and Bad Inquiry Focus

- How were all Canadians affected by the Great Depression?
- How did people survive the Great Depression?
- How did life change for most Canadians after World War II?

We Are a Country Inquiry Focus

- How did Canada change after Confederation?
- Why was Vimy Ridge important in the shaping of Canada's identity?
- Why is Canada considered a peacekeeping country?
- Why do you think peacekeepers are prepared to risk their lives to help others?
- What do you think makes Canadians good peacekeepers?
- How did Canada get its own flag?
- How does Canada's Constitution help guide our country?
- What are Canadians' Rights and Freedoms?
- How is Canada's identity different than that of the United States? Why is this?
- What should Canada's future role in the world be?
- Why is the creation of Nunavut been important to the building of Canada?
- What does it mean to be Canadian?

Changing Ways of Life Inquiry Focus

- How does the diversity of Canadians and their stories contribute to Canada's identity?
- In what ways did World War I begin to change Canada's identity?
- How did World War I change life in Canada?
- How did Canadians feel about World War I?
- How would life in Canada be different if the Famous Five had not succeeded?
- How have women helped to change Canada?

Caring for Canada Inquiry Focus

- What challenges does climate change pose for Canada's future?
- How do acts of citizenship add to Canadians' quality of life?
- What would happen if some of Canada's natural resources ran out?
- Why are National and Provincial Parks important in Caring for Canada?
- What are ways that Canadians can help to care for our environment?
- What are some other types of energy we can use?
- Why is water such an essential resource for Canadians and beyond?

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