



# Canada Year by Year · Teaching Guide

## Celebrate Canada

1. Write a letter or draw a picture to show how you celebrate Canada's birthdays.
2. Work with your whole class, Guides or Scouts troop or other youth group to choose an activity to celebrate Canada's birthday in a way that will help your community. Describe how your community will benefit from your event.
3. Talk to your grandparents or older family friends and find out how they celebrated when Canada turned 100 years old.
4. Bake cookies, cupcakes or your favourite foods and decorate them to celebrate Canada. Can you make them red and white or maple-leaf shaped, or decorate them in some other way?
5. Make a presentation to your class about what you like best about Canada. Include at least five "best things" in your talk.



## Find Out More About Canada

1. There are more than 30 "Great Canadians" who are briefly described at the end of *Canada Year by Year*. Choose three and find out five additional facts about each person.
2. There are many quotes in the book. Which is your favourite? Learn five facts about the person who said it.
3. Which three events in *Canada Year by Year* interest you most? Find out five more facts about each one.
4. Which of the events in *Canada Year by Year* would you have liked to experience? List three reasons why.
5. What are five facts in *Canada Year by Year* that you didn't know before you read the book and that surprised you?

## Have Some Fun!

1. Design a postage stamp or poster to celebrate an important event in Canada's history.
2. If you could have lunch with one of the famous Canadians in the book, who would you like to meet? List three reasons why and three questions you would ask him or her. What would you serve this famous Canadian for lunch and why?
3. Create a collage about one of the events in the book. What can you include to make sure people know which event you're describing?
4. What do you think it would have been like to live during Canada's first 50 years? Pretend you lived then and write a letter to your best friend describing your day.
5. Choose one of the famous Canadians in the book and write three blog posts as if you are that person.

## Think About Canada's Future

1. Canada will turn 175 years old in 2042. How old will you be then? Pretend it's July 1, 2042, and write a note to your best friend describing what you're doing to celebrate Canada's birthday.
2. Canada will celebrate its 200th birthday in 2067. What are five events that you think might happen between now and then?
3. What do you think school will be like in 2067? How do you think families will live?
4. In the future, do you think Canada will become most famous for its scientists, artists, athletes or politicians? Why? Give three reasons for your answer.
5. What issues do you think will be most important in Canada's future? Climate change? Clean water? Human rights? What else? Pick an issue and give three reasons why you think it will be important.

