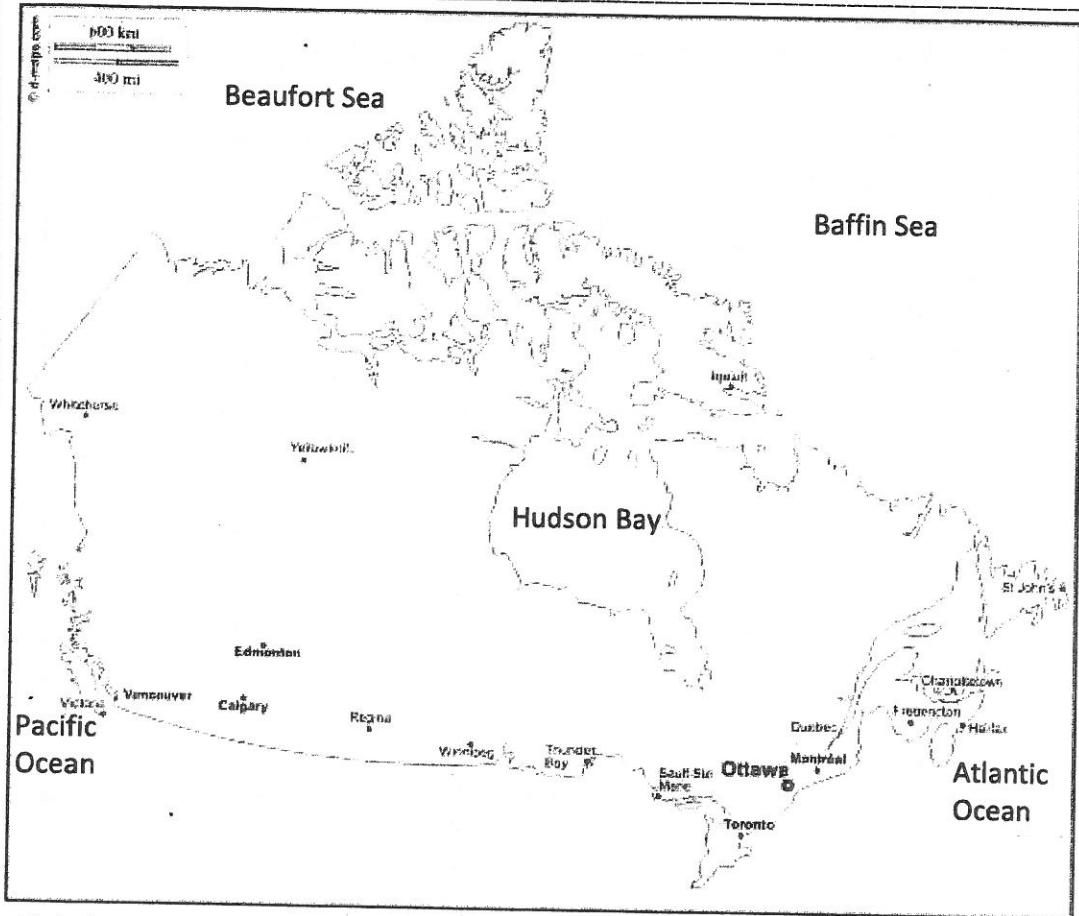


# CANADA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



1. What is the capital of Canada?  
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2. If you traveled from Regina to Quebec, which direction would you be going?  
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3. Which two main oceans border Canada?  
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4. What is the name of the huge bay in Canada?  
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5. To travel from the Winter Olympic cities of Calgary (1988) to Vancouver (2010), which direction would you travel?  
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6. Montreal hosted the Summer Olympic Games in 1976. Which area of Canada is Montreal located?  
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7. Find the city of Victoria on the map of Canada. What type of landform is it on?  
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8. Which two seas are to the north of Canada? \_\_\_\_\_  
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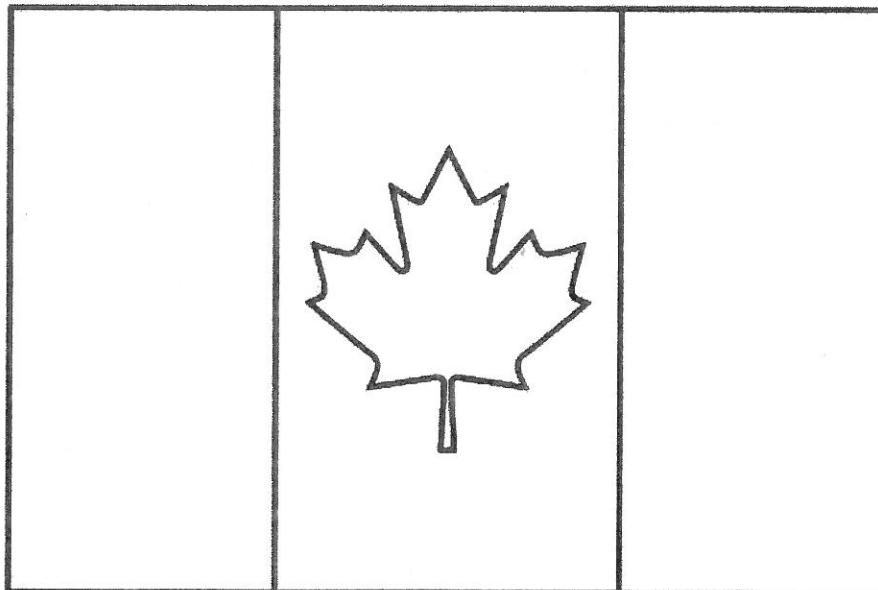
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Color Canada on the World Map:



Color Canada's Flag



red

white

red

red  
maple leaf

# CHRISTMAS Around the World: Canada

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Canada is a very large country with a variety of cultures which come from European places such as France, England, Ireland, Scotland, and from Germany. The people who came from these countries brought their Christmas traditions with them, which has influenced Canadian traditions along the way. Regardless of how it is celebrated, Christmas is a big holiday in Canada.

Some people decorate their homes with things from nature, like holly, mistletoe, pine branches, pine cones, berries, and nuts. Others use nativity scenes, snowflakes, bells, stars and Santa figurines. Christmas trees, a tradition from Germany, are found throughout Canada. In fact, Canada is known for growing Christmas trees. They harvest about six million trees a year and export them to countries such as the United States, Japan, Mexico, and Jamaica!

One Canadian tradition is sending Christmas cards to friends and family. Another tradition is the Santa Claus Parade, which started in Toronto in 1913, and has now spread to many of the larger cities. The Nutcracker Ballet, performed by the National Ballet of Canada, as well as other dance companies is an annual tradition that Canadians young and old enjoy. An Inuit tradition called Sinok Tuok, is celebrated in some provinces (regions) and centers around exchanging gifts and dancing. In Labrador City, Newfoundland, they receive 12 – 14 feet of snow each year, which makes it the perfect place for ice sculptures. People there have an outdoor light and ice sculpture contest every year.

Like many places, sweets are a fun part of the holiday. Two candies that are popular at Christmas are Barley Candy, which has a Christmas symbol on a stick, and Chicken Bones, which is a pink, melt in your mouth cinnamon candy that has a milk chocolate center. Many people bring homemade Christmas goodies, with the recipe, to share at cookie baking parties. When they leave, they have lots of new recipes and a plate full of delicious cookies.

On Christmas Eve, some people attend mass (church service), and have a huge dinner afterwards. This dinner may include pork stew, meatballs, or seafood. Some families open all gifts, some just the stockings, or only one gift on this night. Many children go to sleep dreaming of Santa Claus or Pere Noel (in French).

Christmas Day varies but might include opening gifts, having leftovers from the night before or a big meal that may include roast turkey and gravy, potatoes, vegetables, cranberry, turnips, and Christmas pudding or mince pie. The holiday season ends for many on January 6th, when they celebrate the Feast of the Kings.

1. Why does Canada have so many different Christmas traditions?

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2. Make an inference. The author stated that Canada harvests, "... about six million trees a year and exports them to countries such as the United States, Japan, Mexico, and Jamaica!" Use context clues. What does export mean?

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3. Re-read the third paragraph. If you could choose only one of these traditions from Canada, which one would you choose? Explain why.

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4. In your own words, summarize what happens at a cookie baking party.

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5. Compare and contrast Christmas Eve in Canada to Christmas Eve in your country. How is it alike? How is it different? \_\_\_\_\_

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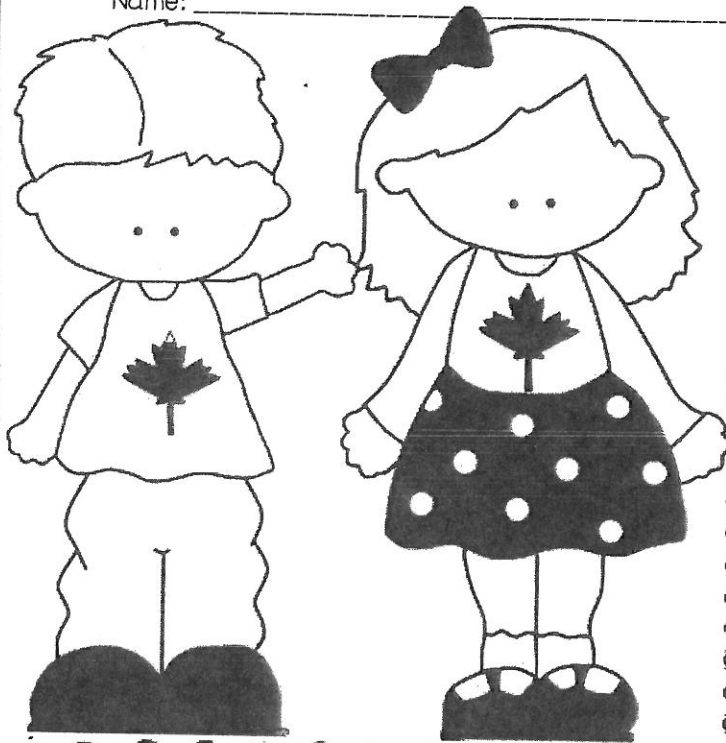
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HOW TO SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS:

Merry Christmas or

Joyeux Noel

(shwi uh no elle)

Gift Giver:

A Canadian Tradition:

Traditional Holiday Food:

