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TEACHERS

Canadian Thanksgiving History and Traditions Homework Sheet

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Due Date: _____

Introduction to Canadian Thanksgiving

Canadian Thanksgiving is a national holiday that is celebrated on the second Monday in October. It is a time for Canadians to come together with family and friends to give thanks for the blessings in their lives. In this homework sheet, you will learn about the history and traditions of Canadian Thanksgiving.

Reading Comprehension

Read the following passage about the history of Canadian Thanksgiving:

Canadian Thanksgiving has its roots in European harvest festivals. The first Thanksgiving in Canada was held in 1578 by English explorer Martin Frobisher and his crew. They gave thanks for their safe arrival in what is now Newfoundland. Over time, the tradition of Thanksgiving spread throughout Canada and was influenced by the traditions of European settlers and Indigenous peoples.

Questions:

1. Who held the first Thanksgiving in Canada?

2. What year was the first Thanksgiving held in Canada?

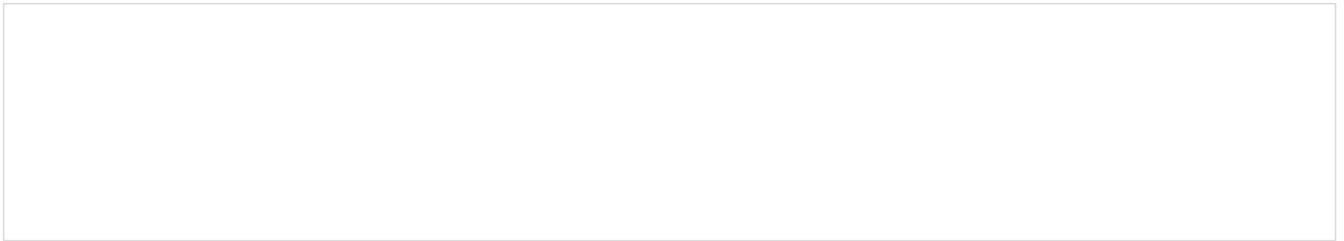
3. Why did the first Thanksgiving take place?

Timeline Activity

Create a timeline of the major events and dates related to Canadian Thanksgiving. Include at least 5 key points, such as:

- The first Thanksgiving in 1578
- The establishment of Thanksgiving as a national holiday
- Significant legislative actions related to Thanksgiving
- Major traditions that have been adopted over time

Use colors, symbols, or images to make your timeline engaging and easy to follow.

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Comparative Analysis

Research how another country celebrates its thanksgiving or a similar harvest festival. Write a short essay (about 150-200 words) comparing and contrasting the traditions, foods, and historical context of the two celebrations.

Questions to Consider:

- What are the similarities and differences between Canadian Thanksgiving and the thanksgiving celebration of another country?
- How do the traditions and foods of the two celebrations reflect the cultural and historical context of each country?

Creative Expression

Choose a form of creative expression (drawing, poem, short story, or song) to depict what Canadian Thanksgiving means to you or how it is celebrated. Ensure your work includes at least three elements that are significant to the holiday (e.g., family, food, gratitude).

Research Project

Investigate how different provinces or territories in Canada celebrate Thanksgiving, focusing on unique traditions or foods. Write a short report or create a presentation to share your findings.

Questions to Consider:

- What are some unique traditions or foods associated with Thanksgiving in different provinces or territories?
- How do these traditions reflect the cultural and historical context of each region?

Interview

Interview a family member or community elder about their experiences with Canadian Thanksgiving. Write a reflective piece on what you learned and how it has enriched your understanding of the holiday.

Questions to Consider:

- What are some of your family's traditions or memories associated with Thanksgiving?
- How has your understanding of Canadian Thanksgiving changed after conducting the interview?

Word Search

Find the following words related to Canadian Thanksgiving:

- THANKSGIVING
- FAMILY
- FOOD
- GRATITUDE
- TRADITION
- HISTORY

Crossword Puzzle

Complete the crossword puzzle using words related to Canadian Thanksgiving.

Across:

1. National holiday celebrated on the second Monday in October
2. Explorer who held the first Thanksgiving in Canada
3. Traditional food associated with Thanksgiving

Down:

1. Province where the first Thanksgiving took place
2. Cultural group that influenced Canadian Thanksgiving traditions
3. Value associated with Thanksgiving

Conclusion

Reflect on what you have learned about Canadian Thanksgiving. How has your understanding of the holiday changed after completing this homework sheet? What are some ways you can apply what you have learned to your own life and traditions?