

**Subject Area:** Social Studies  
**Unit Title:** Introduction to Canadian Thanksgiving and Its History  
**Grade Level:** 4  
**Lesson Number:** 1 of 7

**Duration:** 45 minutes  
**Date:** October 10, 2024  
**Teacher:** Ms. Johnson  
**Room:** 204

## Curriculum Standards Alignment

### Content Standards:

- Understand the historical context of Canadian Thanksgiving
- Analyze the cultural significance of Canadian Thanksgiving

### Skills Standards:

- Critical thinking
- Problem-solving

### Cross-Curricular Links:

- Language Arts
- History

## Essential Questions & Big Ideas

### Essential Questions:

- What is the historical context of Canadian Thanksgiving?
- What is the cultural significance of Canadian Thanksgiving?

### Enduring Understandings:

- Canadian Thanksgiving has a rich and complex history
- Canadian Thanksgiving is an important part of Canadian culture and identity

## Student Context Analysis

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### Class Profile:

- Total Students: 25
- ELL Students: 5
- IEP/504 Plans: 2
- Gifted: 3

### Learning Styles Distribution:

- Visual: 40%
- Auditory: 30%
- Kinesthetic: 30%

## Pre-Lesson Preparation

### Room Setup:

- Arrange desks in a circle
- Prepare whiteboard and markers

### Technology Needs:

- Computer with internet access
- Projector and screen

### Materials Preparation:

- Handouts with guided notes
- Whiteboard markers

### Safety Considerations:

- Ensure students are seated safely
- Monitor student behavior

## Detailed Lesson Flow

### Introduction (5 minutes)

- Introduce the topic of Canadian Thanksgiving
- Ask students what they know about Canadian Thanksgiving

### Direct Instruction (15 minutes)

- Provide a brief overview of the history of Canadian Thanksgiving
- Discuss the cultural significance of Canadian Thanksgiving

### Engagement Strategies:

- Use visual aids to engage students
- Ask questions to encourage critical thinking

### Guided Practice (15 minutes)

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- Have students complete a handout with guided notes
- Circulate around the room to assist students

### Scaffolding Strategies:

- Provide one-on-one support to students who need it
- Encourage students to work in pairs or small groups

### Independent Practice (10 minutes)

- Have students write a short reflection on what they learned
- Allow students to share their reflections with the class

### Closure (5 minutes)

- Summarize the key points of the lesson
- Ask students to provide feedback on the lesson

## Differentiation & Support Strategies

### For Struggling Learners:

- Provide extra support and scaffolding
- Offer one-on-one instruction

### For Advanced Learners:

- Provide additional challenges and extensions
- Encourage independent research and projects

### ELL Support Strategies:

- Provide visual aids and graphic organizers
- Offer bilingual support and resources

### Social-Emotional Learning Integration:

- Encourage empathy and self-awareness
- Teach self-regulation and self-motivation strategies

## Assessment & Feedback Plan

### Formative Assessment Strategies:

- Observations and class discussions
- Quizzes and tests

### Success Criteria:

- Students will be able to explain the history and cultural significance of Canadian Thanksgiving
- Students will be able to analyze the importance of Canadian Thanksgiving in modern times

### Feedback Methods:

- Verbal feedback
- Written feedback

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## Homework & Extension Activities

### Homework Assignment:

Have students research and write a short essay on the history and cultural significance of Canadian Thanksgiving

### Extension Activities:

- Have students create a visual project, such as a poster or infographic, on Canadian Thanksgiving
- Encourage students to invite a guest speaker to talk to the class about Canadian Thanksgiving

### Parent/Guardian Connection:

Encourage parents and guardians to ask their child about what they learned in class and to discuss the importance of Canadian Thanksgiving at home

## Teacher Reflection Space

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### Pre-Lesson Reflection:

- What are my goals for this lesson?
- What strategies will I use to engage my students?

### Post-Lesson Reflection:

- What went well in the lesson?
- What would I change for next time?

## Introduction

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Welcome to our lesson on Canadian Thanksgiving and its history! This lesson is designed to introduce students to the rich history and cultural significance of Canadian Thanksgiving, exploring its origins, evolution, and contemporary celebrations.

## Lesson Overview

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This lesson plan is designed for 9-year-old students and is aligned with the learning objectives of developing critical thinking skills, cultural awareness, and historical knowledge. The lesson will incorporate engaging and interactive content, including multimedia resources, group discussions, and hands-on activities, to cater to different learning styles and abilities.

## Canadian Thanksgiving History

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Canadian Thanksgiving has a rich and complex history that spans over 400 years. The first Thanksgiving in Canada was held in 1578 by English explorer Martin Frobisher and his crew, who were giving thanks for their safe arrival in what is now Newfoundland.

## Historical Context

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The historical context of Canadian Thanksgiving is closely tied to the country's early history and the interactions between European settlers and indigenous peoples. The holiday has evolved over time, with different cultural and historical influences shaping its traditions and customs.

## Cultural Significance

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Canadian Thanksgiving is a celebration that holds significant cultural and historical importance in Canada. The holiday is a time for families and friends to come together and give thanks for the harvest season, and is often marked by traditional foods, such as roasted turkey and pumpkin pie.

## Traditions and Customs

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Canadian Thanksgiving is a holiday that is marked by many unique and interesting traditions. One of the most popular traditions is the Thanksgiving feast, which typically includes roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie. Many Canadians also celebrate the holiday by watching football, playing games, or going for a walk in the countryside.



### Conclusion

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In conclusion, the lesson on Canadian Thanksgiving and its history provides a unique opportunity for students to learn about the rich history and cultural significance of this important holiday. By incorporating engaging and interactive content, teachers can help students develop a deeper understanding of Canadian heritage and the importance of gratitude in everyday life.

### Assessment and Evaluation

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The assessment and evaluation of student learning will be based on the following criteria: participation, reflection, critical thinking, and creativity. Students will be assessed on their ability to explain the history and cultural significance of Canadian Thanksgiving, as well as their ability to analyze the importance of the holiday in modern times.

