

Canada Early History

1. The earliest map showing the name Canada dates back to what century?
2. Canada's name comes from an Iroquoian word meaning village or settlement. How many of our thirteen provinces and territories also have a name derived from a First Nations language?
3. The name of one of history's most famous explorers is usually linked to places like Australia, New Zealand and Polynesia, yet he played an often overlooked role in Canadian history, mapping the St. Lawrence River, taking part in the Battle of the Plains of Abraham and later mapping the west coast from Vancouver Island to the Bering Sea. What is his name?
4. In 2002, Library and Archives Canada announced it had acquired the only known copy of the first edition of the earliest newspaper published in (pre-Confederation) Canada.
 - a). In what colony, now a province, was it published?
 - b). Name the newspaper.
5. In 1821, a farmer clearing his fields near Prescott Ontario found and nurtured a seedling. The product he developed as a result became so iconic that a variation of his name can be seen today on a major computer line. What is his name?
6. At what three locations did the original fathers of confederation meet to set Confederation in motion.?
7. How many provinces did the new Dominion of Canada have at Confederation in 1867?
8. Name one more that had joined by 1873
9. True or false: No Canadian Prime Minister has died while serving in that role.
10. The first transatlantic radio signal was sent from Signal Hill in Newfoundland in 1901. Was it sent by
 - (a) Guglielmo Marconi
 - (b) Nicola Tesla
 - (c) Reginald Fessenden
 - (d) Thomas Edison
11. The 1908 novel Anne of Green Gables remains one of Canada's most famous works of literature. Here are a few questions:
 - a) Who wrote it?
 - b) Anne Shirley is taken in by two Prince Edward Islanders. What are their names?
 - c) Who is Anne's best friend?
 - d) Who does Anne eventually marry (in a later book)?

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Sports

1. The most famous hockey goal in Canadian history happened in 1972. Who scored it?
2. Which of these four was credited with an assist?
 - (a) Brad Park
 - (b) Yvan Cournoyer
 - (c) Peter Mahovlich
 - (d) Phil Esposito
3. Three Canadians, one male and two female, all from Ontario, have won a professional golf major tournament. Name them
4. This year, an Ontarian became the first skip in history, male or female, to win the Canadian Curling Championship 3 times before age 30. Name her.
5. Biggar, Saskatchewan is the original home town of the 1998 Olympic Gold Medal winning skip. Name her.
6. The current reigning Olympic Champion men's curling team comes from what province?
7. Hockey: This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Maple Leafs' last Stanley Cup to date, the last cup of the so-called Original Six era. Which team did they beat?
 - (a) Canadiens
 - (b) Black Hawks
 - (c) Bruins
 - (d) Rangers
 - (e) Red Wings
8. Tennis: Name the two Canadians who reached the Wimbledon singles finals in recent years, one losing to Petra Kvitova in 2014 and the other to Andy Murray in 2016.
9. Wayne Gretzky won the Hart Trophy as league MVP in his first NHL year. True or false?
10. Gretzky won the Hart Trophy a ridiculous 8 times in a row before another player was voted MVP. Was it:
 - (a) Patrick Roy;
 - (b) Mario Lemieux;
 - (c) Mark Messier or
 - (d) Brett Hull
11. In February 2017, 45 year old Jaromir Jagr became only the second NHL player to reach 1900 career regular season points. True or false: As of that date, Gretzky's assists alone totalled more than Jagr's goals and assists combined.
12. Gretzky recorded the fastest 50 goals at the start of a season, Did he take: 39, 41, 43 or 45 games?
13. A name often mentioned in the same breath with Gretzky as all time greatest hockey player is Bobby Orr. In a career hampered by injuries, he twice accomplished a feat that no defenceman before or since has equalled. What was it?

14. Who carried the Canadian flag at the closing ceremonies of last year's Rio Olympics?
15. True or false: Donovan Bailey's Gold Medal run in Atlanta still stands as the fastest officially recognized 100 metres by a Canadian.
16. True or false: Andre de Grasse's silver medal run in Rio stands as the fastest officially recognized 200 metres by a Canadian.
17. What year was the first season for the Toronto Blue Jays?
 - a) 1973
 - b) 1977
 - c) 1979
18. Who is the only player in baseball's Hall of Fame who is depicted wearing a Blue Jays cap?
19. What pitcher has thrown the only no hitter in Blue Jays history?

Possible 22 points. Running total 39

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Canada 50 to 100

1. 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of a famous battle which has come to symbolize the spirit, determination and sacrifice of Canada's armed services. Name the battle
2. In the same year, an accident in Canada resulted in more casualties than our army suffered in that battle. What was it?
3. Name the famous Canadian artist who died mysteriously in that same year.
4. Which two of these popular tunes of that era were written by Canadians:
 - (a) Till We Meet Again
 - (b) K-k-k-Katy
 - (c) Peg o'My Heart
 - (d) Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag
 - (e) Keep the Home Fires Burning
5. The Famous Five were leading activists for Women's rights who achieved victory in a legal challenge at the Supreme Court of Canada, known as the "Persons Case". True or false?
6. Name any two of the Famous Five.
7. In what decade did women finally have the right to vote in all federal and provincial elections?
 - (a) the 1920s
 - (b) The 1930s
 - (c) The 1940s
 - (d) The 1950s

Possible 8 points. Running total 47

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Entertainment

1. It is a little known fact that in three consecutive years, three different Canadian women won the Academy Award for Best Actress. Name any of the three.
2. Two motion picture songs performed by Celine Dion have won the Oscar for best song. One point for each of them.
3. One of the movies in question 2 above won a record-tying 11 Oscars.
 - a) Name the movie
 - b) Name the Canadian born director
4. In 2011, Billboard Magazine published its list of the top 50 adult contemporary artists of all time. It included two Canadian women. Name them.
5. Name the Canadian individual or group who both wrote and performed the following well-known pieces (I had to cut this off at some point so, sorry Justin Bieber fans. He's not below)
 - (a) Down by the Henry Moore
 - (b) Constant Craving
 - (c) Suzanne
 - (d) American Woman
 - (e) Put Your Head on my Shoulder
 - (f) Canadiana Suite
 - (g) Swinging Shepherd Blues
 - (h) Lost Together
 - (i) Music Box Dancer
 - (j) Four Strong Winds
 - (k) You're Still the One
 - (l) Old Man
 - (m) Summer of 69
 - (n) Mon Pays
 - (o) If You Could Read my Mind
 - (p) Lovers in a Dangerous Time
 - (q) Life is a Highway
 - (r) I'm Movin' On
 - (s) Complicated
 - (t) You Oughtta Know
6. Which Canadian born actors played the following TV characters:
 - a) Ben Cartwright
 - b) Perry Mason
 - c) Alex P. Keaton
 - d) Jack Bauer
 - e) Chandler Bing
 - f) Dr. Jason Seaver
 - g) Dr. Leonard Gillespie (hint : His brother was the first Canadian-born Governor General)

Possible 36 points Running total 83

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Canada 100 and beyond

1. Which came first?

- a) The maple leaf flag, or O Canada as the official national anthem?
- b). The 1967 Stanley Cup win by the Toronto Maple Leafs, or the opening of Expo 67?

2. Who wrote the official Centennial theme song Ca-na-da?

3. In a controversial nomination and voting process in 2004, Tommy Douglas was named as the greatest Canadian. Who came second?

4. Canadian playwrights David Hein and Irene Sankoff were receiving accolades on March 12, 2017 as their musical about events in Newfoundland resulting from 9/11 opened on Broadway to rave reviews. Name the play.

5. What comic superhero born in Alberta is currently headlining the box office?

Possible 6 points Running total 89

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Grab Bag

1. Which of the following was not actually invented in Canada?

- (a) The zipper
- (b) The paint roller
- (c) The snowmobile
- (d) The G suit for aircraft pilots

2. Canada has more coastline than any other country. Compared to the circumference of the Earth, about 40,000 km, is our coastline

- (a) About the same
- (b) About three times
- (c) More than five times

3. Wikipedia lists Nobel winners by country. Within 5, how many does it list for Canada?

4. Arthur McDonald, a professor emeritus at Queen's, is our most recent Nobel laureate, sharing the 2015 physics prize for his work on neutrinos. Where in Ontario is his massive neutrino detector?

5. What female Canadian author won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2013?

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