

Student's Worksheet

Canada - Cities and Places of Interest

Task 2: Read the text to learn more

Banff National Park

It's the Canada's oldest national park which was established in 1885 in the Rocky Mountains in the province of Alberta. There is a mountainous terrain, with numerous glaciers and ice fields, dense coniferous forest, and alpine landscapes.

Jasper National Park

It is the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies. It is located in the province of Alberta, north of Banff National Park and west of the City of Edmonton. The park includes the glaciers of the Columbia Ice field, hot springs, lakes, waterfalls and mountains.

Wildlife in the park includes e.g.: elk, caribou, moose, mule deer, white-tailed deer, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, grizzly bears, black bears, coyotes, beavers, and grey wolves.

The Niagara Falls

The Niagara Falls between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario make the international border between Canada and the USA. The Canadian waterfall is called the Horseshoe Fall because of its shape. This falls is the most powerful fall in North America with a vertical drop of 53 m.

Ottawa

It is the capital of Canada, and the fourth largest city in the country. It is also rated the second cleanest city in Canada, and third cleanest city in the world. It is the seat of the Federal Government and of the Parliament and it's an important administrative, financial, industrial and cultural center. It's the home



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of the prime minister. He lives in 24, Sussex Drive which is Ottawa's equivalent to No. 10 Downing Street.

Ottawa lies on the Ottawa River. There are two universities, many museums, libraries, research institutions, monuments and an international airport. The buildings mustn't be taller than the Parliament Buildings and the Peace Tower on the Parliament Hill.

Montreal

It is situated in the Canadian province of Quebec and it's the Canadian second largest city. It is also the second largest French speaking city in the world (after Paris).

The city is situated on an island and is connected with the mainland by eleven vehicle bridges, five railway bridges and a tunnel. Montreal was the host of the 1976 Summer Olympic Games and The Olympic Games stadium has the tallest leaning tower in the world (175.5 m high).

Toronto

It's the capital of the Province of Ontario on Lake Ontario. It's the Canadian largest and most populous city. It's full of skyscrapers, but the most famous construction is the CN Tower (553m high) which is a telecommunications and tourism hub. Completed in 1976, it was the world's tallest freestanding structure until 2007 when it was surpassed by Burj Khalifa.

Toronto's a Canada's commercial capital and it is home to the Toronto Stock Exchange and five of the nation's largest banks.

Quebec

It's the capital of the Canadian province of Quebec and the second most populous city after Montreal. It lies on the St. Lawrence River and it's almost entirely French speaking. The city's most famous landmark is the Château Frontenac, a hotel which dominates the skyline.

Quebec City is known for its Winter Carnival, its summer music festival and for its Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day celebrations. Park-Aquarium du Quebec presents more than 10,000 specimens of mammals, reptiles, fish and other aquatic fauna of North America and the Arctic. There are a number of historic sites, art



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galleries and museums in Quebec City, such as Citadelle of Quebec, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Ursulines of Quebec, and Musée de la civilisation.

Calgary

It's a city in the province of Alberta in Canada. It's a center of petroleum industry and agriculture. In 1988, Calgary became the first Canadian city to host the Olympic Winter Games.

It is famous for its annual Stampede. In the Calgary Stampede (called "The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth"), which is held for ten days in July every year, cowboys from all over Canada and the USA compete for prize money.

Vancouver

It's a busy seaport city on the Pacific Coast in British Columbia. Vancouver is one of the most ethnically and linguistically diverse cities in Canada; 52% of its residents have a first language other than English. It is the headquarters of forest product and mining companies. In recent years, Vancouver has become an increasingly important center for software development, biotechnology, aerospace, video game development, animation studios and a vibrant television production and film industry.

Whitehorse

It's the capital and the largest city of Yukon Territory. Because of the city's location in the Whitehorse valley, the climate is milder than other comparable northern communities. At this latitude winter days are short and summer days have 20 hours of daylight.