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Canada Activity Cards

ALL ABOUT CANADA

Plan a Vacation

Canada is a vast and diverse country. There are many different places to visit. Research and plan a trip to a province or territory in Canada. What route would you take from where you live? What attractions would you like to see when you get there?

Brain Stretch:

Pretend that you are a travel agent and design an itinerary for a trip. Create a travel package that includes:

- An itinerary for your trip with a list of places to visit
- An explanation of why you are travelling to that destination
- Travel tips

In addition, look at the VIA Rail Canada train schedules at: www.viarail.ca

ALL ABOUT CANADA

Confederation

Canada became a country on July 1, 1867. The name Canada comes from the Huron and Iroquois word “Kanata,” meaning “village.” When Canada first became a country, there were only four provinces: New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, and Quebec. When these provinces joined, it was called Confederation. Over the years, other provinces and territories became a part of Canada. Now Canada has ten provinces and three territories.

Brain Stretch:

- Write the provinces in order from earliest to join Confederation to last.
- Visit the following website to learn more about Confederation:

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/confederation/023001-3000-e.html

Canada's Links to the World

CANADA'S LINKS TO THE WORLD

Natural Resources

Canada is a country rich in many natural resources. Use an atlas to find at least ten natural resources and list at least one way that each is used. Create a chart like the one below:

Natural Resource	Use

CANADA'S LINKS TO THE WORLD

Imports and Exports

Canada is a country that depends on trade. Trade happens in two ways: exporting and importing. Exports are goods that are for sale or exchange to other countries. Some of Canada's major exports include aluminum, precious metals and metal ores, newsprint, lumber, wood pulp, wheat, natural gas, petroleum, and technology.

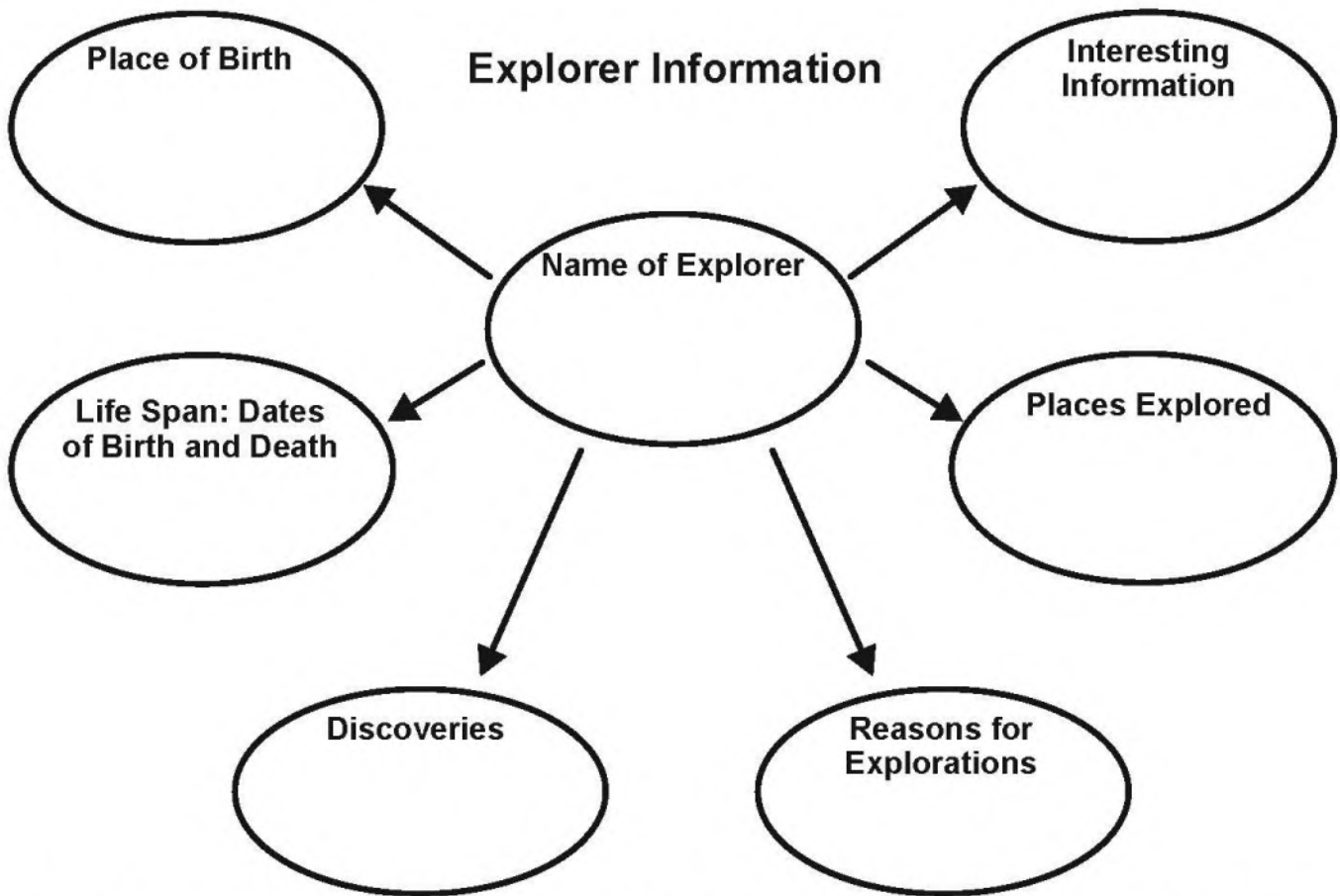
Imports are goods that a country purchases from or trades with other countries. Countries import items from other countries around the world for several reasons. They may not be able to produce or grow the item, such as oranges. Or, another country might be specialists at producing some specific product. Sometimes it may actually be easier or cheaper to buy a product from another country. Some of Canada's major imports include cars and car parts, fruits and vegetables, and technology. Most imported goods are charged a tax called a tariff.

Brain Stretch:

- Make a list of products that are imported to Canada and exported from Canada. Who are Canada's major trading partners?

Explorers of Canada Poster Assignment

1. Choose an early Canadian explorer. There are a few names at the bottom of this page to choose from.
2. Research the person you have selected. Record your information in a web like the one below:



3. Create a poster that includes a picture of your explorer and symbols or written notes that represent the information in your web.

Giovanni Caboto

Jacques Cartier

Samuel de Champlain

John Franklin

Simon Fraser

Martin Frobisher

Samuel Hearne

Henry Hudson

Alexander Mackenzie

George Vancouver

Leif Erikson

David Thompson