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52 Weekly Non-Fiction Stories About Canada Curriculum Map Grades 3 to 4

The 52 stories are designed to familiarize and develop student awareness of Canada while they practice their reading comprehension skills. Each topic contains an information story and a follow-up exercise designed to review and develop strong reading and phonetic skills. The material in this book can be used in a variety of ways. Use as bell ringers, or for students who are done their work early or for extra practice.

There are 11 sections covering these topics:

1. Canadian Symbols
2. Canadian Sports
3. Canadian Birds
4. Canadian Animals
5. Canadian Insects
6. Canadian Reptiles
7. Canadian Inventors and Inventions
8. Famous Canadian Athletes
9. Famous Canadian People
10. Canadian Places and Sights
11. Canadian Ghost Story and Famous Canadian Mysteries

Teacher Notes

- At A Glance – List of Skills
- Teaching Objectives
- Teaching Strategies
- Vocabulary Lists for each story

Answer key provided with each section.

Jacques Plante

Inventor of the Goalie Mask



Jacques Plante was a famous Canadian hockey goalie who played for the Montreal Canadiens hockey team for ten years. At one time, hockey goalies wore no protection on their faces or heads. They often received serious cuts that required many stitches, had teeth knocked out, and their noses broken. In those days, there were also no backup goalies who could play for the main goalie if he was injured. Plante always wore a mask during practice but his coach would not permit him to wear it in games. He was afraid it would block Plante's vision.

In 1959, while playing in a hockey game, Jacques Plante was struck in the face by a shot from a player on the New York Rangers team. During the game, Plante was taken to the dressing room to be stitched up. He refused to go out on the ice to finish the game unless he could wear his mask. The coach had no other choice than to let Plante wear the mask, as there was no back up goalie to take his place. From that game on, Plante always wore a mask while in goal. Plante did face many questions and was laughed at for wearing the mask by some fans and the press. Today the mask is a necessary part of a goalie's equipment.

Early goalie masks were face hugging and made of fibreglass designed by Jacques Plante. Then someone designed a helmet with a caged front so the goalie could see better, but it did not provide enough protection for the head. The mask worn today is a full face mask made of fibreglass because it is safer.

The hockey mask also changed the way goaltenders play. It allows them to move about freely and block shots in different positions because they can see better. Today's goalie masks are often decorated with a design made by an artist. Goalies are often known for the designs on their helmets.

The invention and wearing of a goalie mask has prevented and protected face and head injuries that could affect the players later on in life. It is better to be safe than sorry!



Jacques Plante

A

Answer each question with a sentence.

1. Why did a goalie have to play even if he was hurt years ago?

2. What piece of equipment did goalies not wear at one time?

3. When did Jacques Plante begin to wear a goalie mask in hockey games?

4. Who prevented Plante from wearing a goalie mask? Tell why.

5. What are goalie masks made of today?

6. How did the goalie masks change a goalie's job on the ice?

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Rewrite each sentence and put in the missing capital letters.

1. during a montreal canadiens hockey game jacques plante was hurt.

2. boston bruins' goalie gerry chevers has stitches drawn on his goalie mask.

CChoose the correct **homonym** to fit each sentence.

1. The _____ lasted for many years. (wore, war)

2. The _____ washed all the dishes. (made, maid)

3. The ship bounced around on the rough _____. (see, sea)

4. The girl brushed her horse's _____. (main, mane)

LESSON TOPICS and SKILLS COVERED

Section One: Canadian Symbols

Answer Key for Section 1: Canadian Symbols

Story #1: Our Country - Canada

SKILLS: Recalling Details | Antonyms | Root Words

Story #2: The Prime Minister of Canada

SKILLS: Recalling Information | Classifying | Root Words

Story #3: Canada Capital City

SKILLS: Recalling Details | Nouns | Antonyms

Story #4: How Canada Got Its Own Flag

SKILLS: Evaluation | Common/Proper Nouns | Spelling

Story #5: Canada's National Flag

SKILLS: Noting Details | Antonyms | Synonyms

Story #6: Symbols of Canada

SKILLS: Recalling Details | Synonyms | Syllabication

Section Two: Canadian Sports

Answer Key for Section 2: Canadian Sports

Story #1: Baseball in Canada

SKILLS: Recalling Details | Suffixes | Antonyms

Story #2: Canadian Football

SKILLS: Expressing an Opinion | Word Meanings

Story #3: Soccer in Canada

SKILLS: Classifying Information | Synonyms | Root Words

Story #4: Canadian Basketball

SKILLS: Classifying Information | Compound Words | Proper Nouns

Section Three: Canadian Birds

Answer Key for Section 3: Canadian Birds

Story #1: The Snowy Owl

SKILLS: Classifying Information | Root Words Adjectives

Story #2: The Atlantic Puffin

SKILLS: Recording Facts | Kinds of Sentences | Double Consonants

Story #3: The Burrowing Owl

SKILLS: Classifying Information | Adjectives/Adverbs | Alphabetical Order

Story #4: The Ruby-Throat Hummingbird

SKILLS: Recalling Details | Writing Sentences | Antonyms

Story #5: The Common Loon

SKILLS: Cause and Effect | Interrogative Sentences | Homonyms

Section Four: Canadian Animals

Answer Key for Section 4: Canadian Sports

Story #1: The Canadian Beaver

SKILLS: Finding Proof | Exclamatory Sentences | Homonyms/Meanings

Story #2: The Black Bear

SKILLS: Classifying Information | Imperative Sentences | Syllabication

Story #3: The Muskrat

SKILLS: Locating Details | Kinds of Sentences | Word Meanings

Story #4: The Snowshoe Hare

SKILLS: Recalling Details | Labelling Sentences | Homonyms

Story #5: The Opossum

SKILLS: Classifying Details | Antonyms | Parts of Speech

Story #6: The Musk Ox

SKILLS: Recalling Details | Verbs | Plurals

Section Five: Canadian Insects

Answer Key for Section 5: Canadian Insects

Story #1: The Firefly

SKILLS: Classifying Details; Adjectives/Adverbs; Plurals

Story #2: The Ladybug

SKILLS: Locating Information | Nouns/Verbs | Vowel Combinations

Story #3: The Dragonfly

SKILLS: Locating Information | Phrases | Root Words

Section Six: Canadian Reptiles

Answer Key for Section 6: Canadian Reptiles

Story #1: The Snapping Turtle

SKILLS: Classifying Facts | Noun/Verbs | Vowel Combinations

Story #2: The Leatherback Turtle

SKILLS: Classifying Information | Adjectives | Antonyms

Story #3: The Prairie Rattlesnake

SKILLS: Completing a Fact Chart | Phrases | Double Consonants

Section Seven: Canadian Inventors and Inventions

Answer Key for Section 7: Canadian Inventors and Inventions

Story #1: Joseph-Armand Bombardier – Skidoo

SKILLS: Recalling Details | Phrases | Alphabetical Ordering

Story #2: Alexander Graham Bell – Telephone

SKILLS: Sequential Ordering | Proper Nouns | Root Words

Story #3: Jacques Plante – Hockey Mask

SKILLS: Recalling Details | Capitalization | Homonyms

Section Eight: Famous Canadian Athletes

Answer Key for Section 8: Famous Canadian Athletes

Story #1: P.K. Subban – One of the Three Hockey Brothers

SKILLS: Recalling Details | Antonyms, Homonyms | Synonyms | Contractions

Story #2: The Dufour-Lapointe Sisters – Canada's Mogul Queens

SKILLS: Drawing Conclusions | Suffixes | Present/Past Tense

Story #3: Alexandre Bilodeau – Freestyle Skiing King

SKILLS: Noting Details | Syllabication | Root Words

Story #4: Mark McMorris – A Snowboarding Warrior

SKILLS: Locating Details | Common/Proper Nouns | Plurals

Story #5: Marielle Thompson – Golden Girl on Skis

SKILLS: Sequential Development | Adverbs | Root Words

Section Nine: Famous Canadian People

Answer Key for Section 9: Famous Canadian People

Story #1: Carly Rae Jepsen – Canadian Singer and Songwriter

SKILLS: Recalling Details | Punctuation | Root Words

Story #2: Chris Hadfield – Famous Canadian Astronaut

SKILLS: Recalling Events | Subject/Predicate | Synonyms

Story #3: Jessica Amlee – Young Canadian Film and Television Star

SKILLS: Locating Information | Adverbs /Adjectives | Common/Proper Nouns

Story #4: David Suzuki – Canadian Scientist

SKILLS: Recalling Details | Phrases | Synonyms

Story #5: Avril Lavigne – Singer and Songwriter

SKILLS: Using Context Clues | Subject Pronouns | Long/Short Vowels

Section Ten: Canadian Places and Sights

Answer Key for Section 10: Canadian Places and Sights

Story #1: Queen Charlotte Islands or Haida Gwaii – “Islands of the Haida Peoples”

SKILLS: Mapping | Recalling Details | Verb Tenses | Alphabetical Order

Story #2: Jasper National Park – Canada’s Scenic Wonder

SKILLS: Recalling Information | Comparisons | Compound Words

Story #3: The Big Muddy Badlands – The Outlaws’ Hideaway

SKILLS: Main Idea | Verbs | Homonyms

Story #4: Lunenburg – A World Heritage Site

SKILLS: Recalling Details | Adjectives | Vowel Combination “oo”

Story #5: The Cabot Trail – A Scenic Roadway

SKILLS: Main idea | Punctuation | Verbs

Story #6: Yellowknife – The Largest Community in the N.W.T.

SKILLS: Context Clues | Compound Words | Antonyms

Story #7: Aurora Borealis or The Northern Lights

SKILLS: Noting Details | Phrases | Synonyms

Story #8: The Peterborough Lift Lock

SKILLS: Making Inferences | Verb Tenses | Root Words

Story #9: The Hartland Covered Bridge

SKILLS: Context Clues | Verbs | Compound Sentences

Section Eleven: Canadian Ghost Stories and Famous Mysteries

Answer Key for Section 11: Canadian Ghost Stories and Famous Mysteries

Story #1: The Ghost Train – An Alberta Ghost Story

SKILLS: Drawing Conclusions | Subject/Predicate | Synonyms

Story #2: Ogopogo – A Famous Lake Monster

SKILLS: Finding Proof | Nouns/Verbs | Synonyms

Story #3: Bigfoot or Sasquatch – A British Columbia Mystery Monster

SKILLS: Noting Details | Adjectives | Synonyms