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QUEEN VICTORIA

Every year, on the Monday before May 25, people across Canada celebrate Victoria Day. Even though Queen Victoria lived and died a long time ago, people still celebrate her birthday because this queen was very important in Canadian history.

For many years, the area that is now Canada was a British **colony**. Although the leaders in Canada had some power, decisions had to go through the government in England. The British kings and queens ruled over Canada through their **representatives** in this country.

Victoria was born on May 24, 1819. She was the daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Kent. Her father died when she was very young. As a child, she studied subjects like languages, arithmetic, drawing, and music.

After three of her uncles died, Victoria became the **heir** to the throne. She was crowned queen on June 28, 1838, becoming Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Later she became the **Empress** of India as well. She was also queen of Canada.

Queen Victoria married Prince Albert in 1840 and together they had nine children. Victoria never visited Canada, but five of her children did.

Many people wanted Canada to become its own country. Queen Victoria agreed.



On July 1, 1867, Canada became an **independent** country with the queen as its official leader. She helped to make many of the decisions that later affected the country. For example, she chose red and white as Canada's official colours. The capital city of British Columbia is named for her.

Queen Victoria remained queen until her death in 1901, at the age of 81. She had **reigned** for 63 years. Only Queen Elizabeth II has reigned longer than that.



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Colony: A territory that has been settled by people from another country and is controlled by that country.

Representatives: People who are chosen to speak or act for others.

Heir: Someone who receives someone else's money, property, or title when that person dies.

Empress: The female ruler of an empire.

Independent: Not controlled or affected by other people or things.

Reigned: Ruled a country as a king or queen.

QUEEN VICTORIA QUESTIONS

1. Every year, on the _____ before May 25, people across Canada celebrate Victoria Day.
2. For many years, the area that is now Canada was what?

3. The British _____ ruled over Canada through their representatives in this country.
4. When was Victoria born?

5. As a child, what subjects did she study?

6. Victoria was crowned queen on _____, 1838, becoming Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.
7. Who did Queen Victoria marry in 1840?

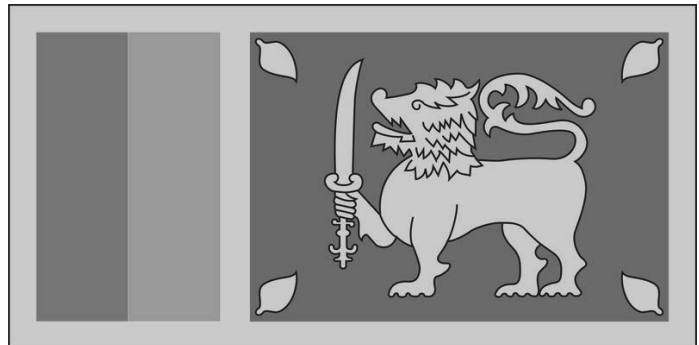
8. How long did Queen Victoria reign?

SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka is a small island country located in the Indian Ocean off the southeast coast of India. About 23 million people live in this country that is about 432 kilometres long and 224 kilometres wide.

Sri Lanka was a British **colony** for almost 150 years. It became **independent** in 1948. The country used to be called Ceylon or Serendip, and its nickname is “Pearl of the Indian Ocean” because of its beauty. The country’s name became Sri Lanka in 1972.

In the middle of the country is an area of mountains shaped like a triangle. That area is surrounded by plains with both wet and dry forests. Many different animals live in Sri Lanka, including elephants, leopards, bears, and birds.



These animals are in danger because people are cutting down forests for wood such as **teak** and **ebony**.

Almost three-quarters of the people who live in Sri Lanka are Buddhist, but many are Hindu, Muslim, or members of other religions. People speak several different languages, including Bengali, Hindi, Sinhala, Tamil, and English.

Sri Lanka is a **republic** with a president in charge. The current president is named Gotabaya Rajapaksa. The capital city of the country is Colombo.

Recently, Sri Lanka has had many problems. The country does not have money to buy goods from other countries, including **fuel**. Because they don't have fuel, power can only be provided to part of the country at a time. People have to deal with **blackouts** for up to 13 hours a day. The government is working to try to find a solution to fix this problem.



Colony: A territory that has been settled by people from another country and is controlled by that country.

Independent: Not controlled or affected by other people or things.

Teak: The strong, hard, yellowish-brown wood of a tree that grows in southeast Asia.

Ebony: A hard, heavy wood that comes from tropical trees.

Republic: A country that is governed by elected representatives and by an elected leader (such as a president) rather than by a king or queen.

Fuel: A material (such as coal, oil, or gas) that is burned to produce heat or power.

Blackouts: A period when lights are off because of an electrical power failure.

SRI LANKA QUESTIONS

1. Sri Lanka is a small island country located where?

2. About _____ people live in this country that is about 432 kilometres long and 224 kilometres wide.

3. When did Sri Lanka become independent?

4. The country's nickname is "_____"
"_____ " because of its beauty.

5. In the middle of the country is an area of _____
shaped like a triangle.

6. What are some of the animals that live in Sri Lanka?

7. What are some of the languages that people speak in Sri Lanka?

8. The capital city of the country is _____.

IMMIGRATION

Your classmates probably have all kinds of last names. Some might have names that are Polish, Indian, Chinese, or Scottish. Most people in Canada are the **descendants** of people who moved here from other countries. Some Canadians moved here themselves. Immigration has helped to make Canada what it is now.

Immigration is the act of moving from one country to go live in another. Sometimes people choose to immigrate because of a job or to be near family. At other times, people are forced to leave their own countries because of war or other problems. These people are called **refugees**.

Moving to a different country can be a **complicated** process. Refugees often flee from their own countries into camps where they stay until another country accepts them. They might not have a choice about where to go. Other immigrants usually decide where they want to live. They apply to the government of that country to ask for **permission** to move there. When they receive permission, they can immigrate to the new country.

Canada has several different **categories** for immigrants. Some immigrants might come as students or temporary workers and decide that they want to stay. Other immigrants want to join family members who are already here. Business owners who want to start companies in



Canada can have special permission to come. In 2021, the Canadian government set a goal of receiving 401,000 new immigrants into the country.

Things that are happening in the world can affect how many people are immigrating, as well as where they are coming from. Sometimes large numbers of immigrants come from Africa or Europe and sometimes Asia or South America. Recently, most immigrants have come from

Ukraine, India, China, the Philippines, Nigeria, and France. These newcomers are helping to make Canada what it is.



Descendants: Someone who is related to a person or group of people who lived in the past.

Refugee: A person who is forced to leave his or her home or country to escape war, persecution, or a natural disaster.

Complicated: Difficult to use or understand because of having many different parts or ideas.

Permission: Consent; an agreement to allow something to happen.

Category: A group of people or things that has certain characteristics in common.

IMMIGRATION QUESTIONS

1. Most people in Canada are the descendants of who?

2. What is immigration?

3. Sometimes people choose to immigrate because of a job or _____

4. _____ often flee from their own countries into camps where they stay until another country accepts them.

5. Other immigrants apply to the government of the country where they want to live to ask for what?

6. Some immigrants might come as _____ or temporary workers and decide that they want to stay.

7. In 2021, the Canadian government set a goal of receiving _____ new immigrants into the country.

8. What can affect how many people are immigrating, as well as where they are coming from?

WORD SEARCH

Solve the word search puzzle using the words below. Note that the answers are words that have been used in the articles in this issue.

D	P	E	T	A	R	G	I	M	M	I	C	S
A	E	S	R	V	N	O	T	Y	W	O	O	E
A	R	S	Q	E	U	A	A	H	U	M	C	E
L	M	D	C	X	I	D	I	N	R	I	E	G
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ALBERT
BIRTHDAY
CEYLON
COLONY
COUNTRIES

DESCENDANTS
IMMIGRATE
INDIAN
ISLAND
MONDAY

MOVING
OCEAN
PEARL
PERMISSION
QUEEN

REFUGEES
REIGNED
REPUBLIC
THRONE
VICTORIA

MAP ACTIVITY

1. What is the national capital of Sri Lanka?

2. What body of water is located east of Sri Lanka?

3. What country is located northwest of Sri Lanka?

4. What is the national capital of India?

5. What body of water is located east of India?

6. What body of water is located west of India?

7. What countries border India?

MAP OF SRI LANKA



MOTHER VICTORIA

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert had nine children. Below is a list of their names, when they were born and when they died. Use this information to answer the questions that follow.

	Name	Born	Died
1.	Victoria Adelaide Mary	November 21, 1840	August 5, 1901
2.	Albert Edward (King Edward VII)	November 9, 1841	May 6, 1910
3.	Alice Maud Mary	April 25, 1843	December 14, 1878
4.	Alfred Ernest Albert	August 6, 1844	July 30, 1900
5.	Helena Augusta Victoria	May 25, 1846	June 9, 1923
6.	Louise Caroline Alberta	March 18, 1848	December 3, 1939
7.	Arthur William Patrick	May 1, 1850	January 16, 1942
8.	Leopold George Duncan	April 7, 1853	March 28, 1884
9.	Beatrice Mary Victoria	April 14, 1857	October 26, 1944

1. What was the name of Victoria's oldest child?

2. What was the name of Victoria's youngest child?

3. Who was born in 1841?

4. When was Louise Caroline Alberta born?

5. Who died in 1900?

WORD SMART

Each paragraph is based on the corresponding article. Test your students' vocabulary by having them fill in the blanks with the correct word from the word bank below.

★¹ Queen Victoria _____ Prince Albert in 1840 and together they had _____ children. Victoria never _____ Canada, but _____ of her children did.

★² The country used to be _____ Ceylon or Serendip, and its _____ is "Pearl of the Indian Ocean" because of its _____. The country's name _____ Sri Lanka in 1972.

★³ Sometimes people _____ to immigrate because of a job or to be near _____. At other times, people are _____ to leave their own countries because of _____ or other problems.

Word Bank:

beauty
became
called

choose
family
five

forced
married
nickname

nine
visited
war

WRITING FUN

★ 1 What does your family do for Victoria Day?



★ 2 Did your family move to Canada from another country? If yes, which country did they come from and when? What do you know about the country they came from?



ANSWER KEY

QUEEN VICTORIA

1. Every year, on the **Monday** before May 25, people across Canada celebrate Victoria Day.
2. For many years, the area that is now Canada was what? **A British colony**
3. The British **kings and queens** ruled over Canada through their representatives in this country.
4. When was Victoria born? **May 24, 1819**
5. As a child, what subjects did she study? **Languages, arithmetic, drawing, and music**
6. Victoria was crowned queen on **June 28**, 1838, becoming Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.
7. Who did Queen Victoria marry in 1840? **Prince Albert**
8. How long did Queen Victoria reign? **63 years**

SRI LANKA

1. Sri Lanka is a small island country located where? **In the Indian Ocean off the southeast coast of India**
2. About **23 million** people live in this country that is about 432 kilometres long and 224 kilometres wide.
3. When did Sri Lanka become independent? **1948**
4. The country's nickname is "**Pearl of the Indian Ocean**" because of its beauty.
5. In the middle of the country is an area of **mountains** shaped like a triangle.
6. What are some of the animals that live in Sri Lanka? **Elephants, leopards, bears, and birds**
7. What are some of the languages that people speak in Sri Lanka? **Bengali, Hindi, Sinhala, Tamil, and English**
8. The capital city of the country is **Colombo**.

IMMIGRATION

1. Most people in Canada are the descendants of who? **People who moved here from other countries**
2. What is immigration? **The act of moving from one country to go live in**

another

3. Sometimes people choose to immigrate because of a job or **to be near family**.
4. **Refugees** often flee from their own countries into camps where they stay until another country accepts them.
5. Other immigrants apply to the government of the country where they want to live to ask for what? **Permission to move there**
6. Some immigrants might come as **students** or temporary workers and decide that they want to stay.
7. In 2021, the Canadian government set a goal of receiving **401,000** new immigrants into the country.
8. What can affect how many people are immigrating, as well as where they are coming from? **Things that are happening in the world**

WORD SEARCH

D P E T A R G I M M I C S
A E S R V N O T Y W O O E
A R S Q E U A A H U M C E
L M D C X I D I N R I E G
B I N H E N G T D L O A U
E S A Y O N R N B N C N F
R S L M A I D U E E I P E
T I S T E D P A Y D E N R
D O I S R E H L N A B E H
I N A Q R C O T R T L E B
O M O V I N G L R K S U P
V I C T O R I A T I C Q F
E L G Y N O L O C I B I U

MAP ACTIVITY

1. What is the national capital of Sri Lanka? **Colombo**
2. What body of water is located east of Sri Lanka? **Indian Ocean**
3. What country is located northwest of Sri Lanka? **India**
4. What is the national capital of India? **New Delhi**
5. What body of water is located east of India? **Bay of Bengal**
6. What body of water is located west of India? **Arabian Sea**
7. What countries border India? **Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh**

MOTHER VICTORIA

1. What was the name of Victoria's oldest child? **Victoria Adelaide Mary**
2. What was the name of Victoria's youngest child? **Beatrice Mary Victoria**
3. Who was born in 1841? **Albert Edward**
4. When was Louise Caroline Alberta born? **March 18, 1848**
5. Who died in 1900? **Alfred Ernest Albert**

WORD SMART

1. Queen Victoria **married** Prince Albert in 1840 and together they had **nine** children. Victoria never **visited** Canada, but **five** of her children did.
2. The country used to be **called** Ceylon or Serendip, and its **nickname** is "Pearl of the Indian Ocean" because of its **beauty**. The country's name **became** Sri Lanka in 1972.
3. Sometimes people **choose** to immigrate because of a job or to be near **family**. At other times, people are **forced** to leave their own countries because of **war** or other problems.