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ORANGE SHIRT DAY

September 30 is Orange Shirt Day. This is a day when people are **encouraged** to wear an orange shirt to work or school. Orange Shirt Day was **inspired** by the story of Phyllis Webstad.

From the 1870s to 1996, many Indigenous children were forced to attend residential schools. They were taken away from their families and brought to schools where they lived and studied. Rules at the residential schools were often very strict. The children were not allowed to speak their languages or practice their **traditions**.

In 1973, Phyllis Webstad was living with her grandmother at the Dog Creek Reserve in British Columbia. Her grandmother bought her a bright orange shirt for her to wear to school. When she arrived at the school, the orange shirt was taken away from her and she never saw it again.

Since then, the colour orange has made Phyllis remember how she felt that day. She felt that her feelings didn't matter and that she was worth nothing.



In 2013, people in Williams Lake, British Columbia, decided to use an orange shirt as a **symbol** of what Indigenous children had suffered at residential schools. September 30 became Orange Shirt Day. The idea spread to other parts of Canada.

Orange Shirt Day is a day to remember that every child matters. It

is also a time to think about how residential schools **affected** the Indigenous children who went there, as well as their families and communities.

Wearing an orange shirt on September 30 is one way of honouring the day. Even if you don't have orange clothes, you can tell your friends and family about residential schools and about what Indigenous children experienced. You can use the time to learn more about what happened or to start a **memorial** at your school.



Encourage: To make someone more likely to do something

Inspired: Filled someone with an emotion, an idea, or an attitude

Traditions: Customs, ideas, or beliefs that are handed down from one generation to the next

Symbol: A design or an object that stands for, suggests, or represents something else

Affected: Influenced or changed someone or something

Memorial: Something that is built to help people remember a person or an event

ORANGE SHIRT DAY QUESTIONS

1. Orange Shirt Day is a day when people are encouraged to wear what?

2. Orange Shirt Day was inspired by the story of _____

_____.

3. From the 1870s to 1996, many Indigenous children were forced to do what?

4. The children at residential schools were not allowed to do what?

5. What did Phyllis' grandmother buy her to wear to school?

6. What happened when Phyllis arrived at the school?

7. How did Phyllis feel that day?

8. Orange Shirt Day is a day to remember that every _____ matters.

NIGER

Niger is a small, **landlocked** country in Africa. It covers an area of 1 267 000 square kilometres, which is about one-tenth the size of Canada.

Niger has no coastline on oceans or seas, but it has many neighbours. Algeria and Libya are located on the north side. Chad is on the east. Nigeria and Benin are on the south. Burkina Faso and Mali are on the southwest side of Niger. Many of these countries have **influenced** the language and culture of Niger.

Over 24 million people live in Niger, and almost one and a half million live in the capital city of Niamey. A fifth of the people live in towns. There are over 10 000 villages in Niger. About half of the villages have only a few hundred people living in them.

The **rural** population is made up of **nomads** and **sedentary** peoples. The nomads tend to live in tribal groups and travel over the northern region during the summer. They move south during the dry season. They raise animals such as cattle, oxen, goats, sheep, and **dromedaries**.

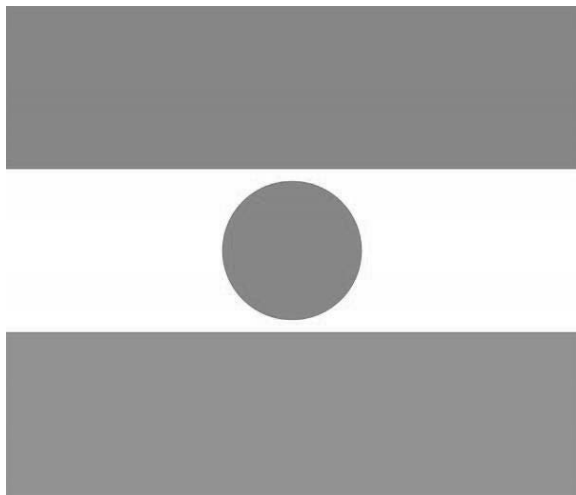
The sedentary people are mainly farmers. They grow millet, rice, corn, peanuts, and cotton. They live in houses made of materials like straw and hardened mud.

The main languages are French and Arabic, but many people also speak



one or more of the country's ten other languages, including Hausa, Buduma, and Zarma.

Niger became a colony of France in the 1800s and became independent in 1960. Since then, Niger has been taken over by new rulers four times. In July, there was a **coup** in the country. The president, Mohamed Bazoum, was replaced with a military leader, Abdourahamane Tiani. Many people will be watching to see what happens in Niger over the next weeks and months.



Landlocked: A country that does not have any border with the sea

Influenced: Had an effect on someone or something

Rural: Having to do with the countryside

Nomads: Members of a community that travels from place to place instead of living in the same place all the time

Sedentary: Staying or living in one place instead of moving to different places

Dromedary: A camel with one hump

Coup: The sudden overthrow of a government

NIGER QUESTIONS

1. Niger covers an area of _____ square kilometres.
2. Niger has no coastline on oceans or seas, but it has many _____.
3. How many people live in Niger?

4. There are over 10 000 _____ in Niger.
5. The _____ tend to live in tribal groups and travel over the northern region during the summer.
6. What are some of the animals the nomads raise?

7. The sedentary people are mainly _____.
8. In July, there was a _____ in the country.

UNITY ROCKET PLANE

On June 29, Virgin Galactic **launched** its first flight that sent paying **customers** into space. The flight occurred on the **rocket** plane Unity. It is a rocket plane because it has a rocket engine that it uses for power.

Unity doesn't launch from a rocket on the ground. It is carried on an airplane that takes it to about 13 kilometres above the surface of the Earth. From there, Unity's powerful rocket engines fire, sending it up to 85 kilometres above the Earth's surface. That distance is considered the edge of space. This is where passengers can experience **weightlessness**.

On board the flight were three scientists from Italy. They used the flight to study what happens when they mix certain liquids in weightless conditions and how those conditions affect the way that cells act.

The flight lasted 72 minutes, but the rocket plane was in space for only a few minutes. The people on the flight experienced only five minutes of weightlessness. At that time, the passengers were able to unbuckle from their seats and float weightless in the ship's cabin. They also had a view of space and the Earth below.

The trip wasn't Unity's first flight into space. It has taken a number of test flights over the past few years. This was the first trip involving paying customers.



Tickets cost between \$200 000 and \$450 000 in U.S. dollars. So far, about 800 people have bought tickets for the chance to ride into space. It will take a while before all of them have had their turn. Unity only carries three to four passengers at a time and it only flies about once a month.



Launched: Sent into space

Customer: A person who buys things from a store or business

Rocket: A very powerful engine that is designed for traveling through space

Weightlessness: The state of feeling like you are not experiencing gravity and that you can float in the air

UNITY ROCKET PLANE QUESTIONS

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4. How far does the rocket engines send Unity above the Earth's surface?

5. That distance is considered what?

6. Three scientists from Italy used the flight to study what happens when they mix certain _____ in weightless conditions.
7. The people on the flight experienced only _____ minutes of weightlessness.
8. How many people have bought tickets for the chance to ride into space?

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.

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

AFRICA
CHILD
COUP
FAMILY
FEELINGS

FLIGHT
LANDLOCKED
MATTERS
NIGER
NOMADS

ORANGE
PLANE
ROCKET
RURAL
SCHOOL

SHIRT
SPACE
UNITY
VILLAGES
WEIGHTLESS

MAP ACTIVITY

1. What is the capital of Niger?

2. What country borders Niger to the east?

3. What countries border Niger to the south?

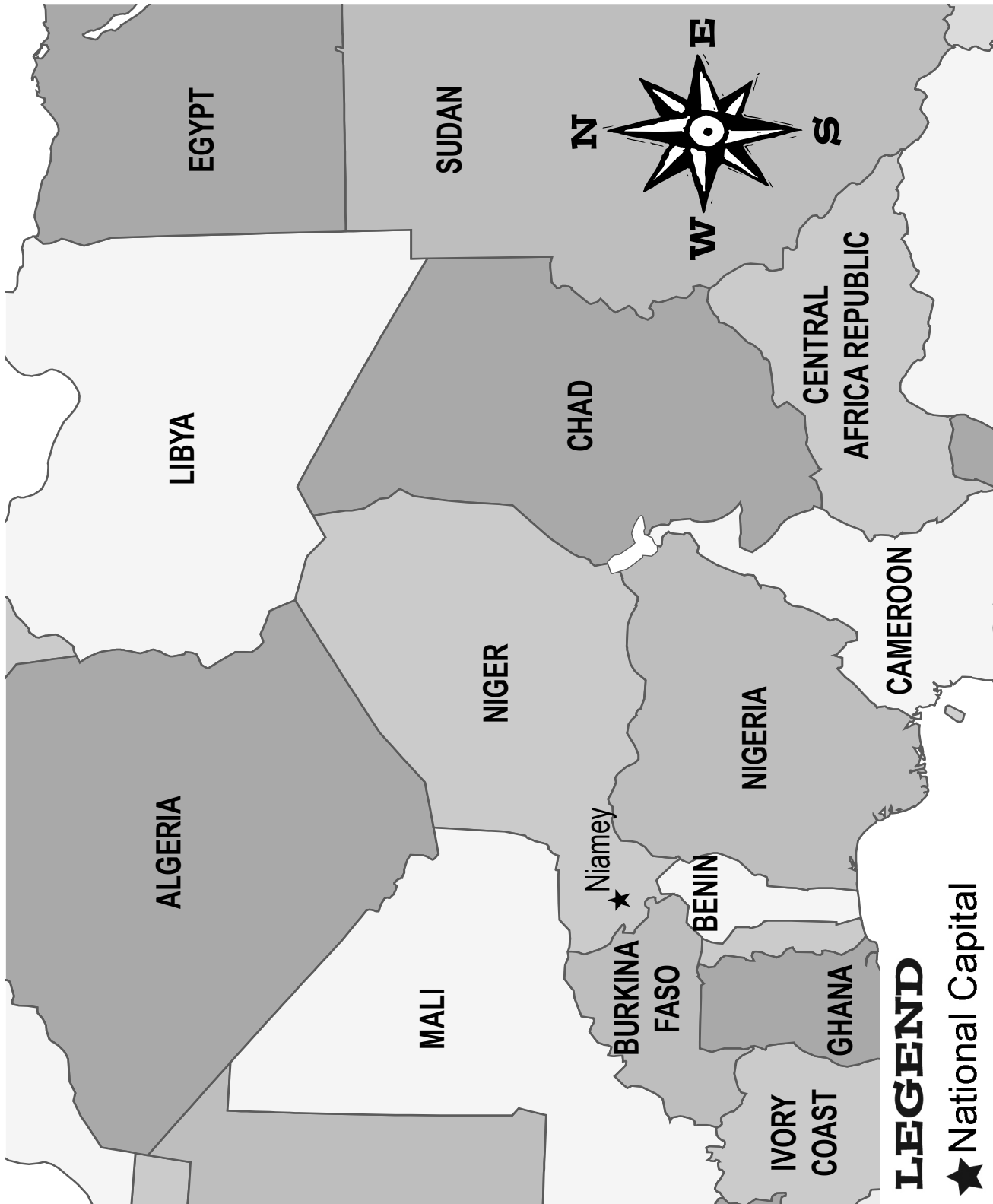
4. What countries border Niger to the north?

5. What countries border Niger to the west?

6. What country borders Algeria to the east?

7. What country borders Chad to the north?

MAP OF NIGER

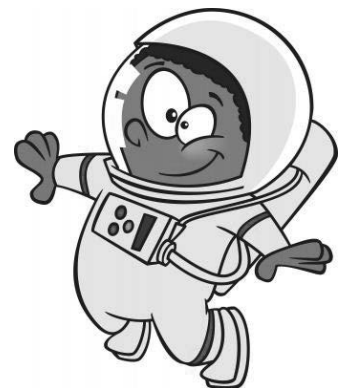


LEGEND

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WEIGHTLESSNESS

Use the area below to describe what you think it would be like to be weightless. What would it be like to float around in space or on a rocket plane? What would you do if you were floating?



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

Orange Shirt Day is a _____ to remember that every _____ matters. It is also a time to _____ about how residential schools affected the Indigenous children who went there, as well as their _____ and communities.

2

A _____ of the people live in towns. There are over 10 000 _____ in Niger. About _____ of the villages have only a few _____ people living in them.

3

The flight lasted 72 _____, but the rocket plane was in _____ for only a few minutes. The people on the _____ experienced only _____ minutes of weightlessness.

Word Bank:

child

fifth

half

space

day

five

hundred

think

families

flight

minutes

villages

WRITING FUN

1 Have you ever felt like you didn't matter? What made you feel that way?



2 Would you want to travel into space? Why or why not?



ANSWER KEY

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

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2. Orange Shirt Day was inspired by the story of **Phyllis Webstad**.
3. From the 1870s to 1996, many Indigenous children were forced to do what? **Attend residential schools**
4. The children at residential schools were not allowed to do what? **Speak their languages or practice their traditions**
5. What did Phyllis' grandmother buy her to wear to school? **A bright orange shirt**
6. What happened when Phyllis arrived at the school? **The orange shirt was taken away from her and she never saw it again.**
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4. How far does the rocket engines send Unity above the Earth's surface? **Up to 85 kilometres**
5. That distance is considered what? **The edge of space**
6. Three scientists from Italy used the flight to study what happens when they mix certain **liquids** in weightless conditions.
7. The people on the flight experienced only **five** minutes of weightlessness.
8. How many people have bought tickets for the chance to ride into space?
About 800

WORD SEARCH

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

MAP ACTIVITY

1. What is the capital of Niger? **Niamey**
2. What country borders Niger to the east? **Chad**
3. What countries border Niger to the south? **Benin and Nigeria**
4. What countries border Niger to the north? **Algeria and Libya**
5. What countries border Niger to the west? **Mali and Burkina Faso**
6. What country borders Algeria to the east? **Libya**
7. What country borders Chad to the north? **Libya**

WORD SMART

1. Orange Shirt Day is a **day** to remember that every **child** matters. It is also a time to **think** about how residential schools affected the Indigenous children who went there, as well as their **families** and communities.
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