■ Canadian Culture

Symbols, arts, sports & holidays — Citizenship test

National symbols

Flag	First raised in 1965. Red-white-red design based on the Royal Military College flag in Kingston. Red and white: national colours since 1921 (p.38)
Maple leaf	Best-known symbol. In use since the 1700s (p.38)
Beaver	Emblem of the Hudson's Bay Company. On the 5-cent coin (p.39)
Crown	Symbol of the state for 400 years. Stands for Parliament, the courts, the police and the Armed Forces (p.38)
Coat of arms	Motto: A mari usque ad mare (“from sea to sea”). Symbols of England, France, Scotland, Ireland + red maple leaves (p.38)
Fleur-de-lys	Symbol of the French monarchy for 1,000 years. Adopted by Quebec in 1948 (p.38)
RCMP	The “Mounties” — national police force and Canadian icon (p.19)
Snowbirds	Air demonstration team — Canadian icon (p.38)

Anthems

O Canada	National anthem — proclaimed in 1980. First sung in Quebec City in 1880 (p.40)
God Save the King	Royal anthem — played to honour the Sovereign (p.40)

Sports

- Ice hockey — national winter sport. Stanley Cup dates from 1892 (Lord Stanley). Clarkson Cup for women's hockey (p.39)
- Lacrosse — national summer sport, of Indigenous origin
- Canadian football — 2nd most popular sport. Grey Cup since 1909 (p.26)
- Basketball — invented by Canadian James Naismith in 1891 (p.26)
- Curling — brought over by Scottish pioneers

Outstanding athletes

Wayne Gretzky	One of hockey's all-time greats — Edmonton Oilers 1979–1988 (p.26)
Terry Fox	1980 — Marathon of Hope for cancer research. National hero (p.26)
Rick Hansen	1985 — Around the world in a wheelchair for spinal cord research (p.26)
Donovan Bailey	2 sprint gold medals at the 1996 Summer Olympics (p.26)
Chantal Petitclerc	Paralympic wheelchair racing champion (p.26)

Arts & Letters

- Group of Seven (founded 1920) — painting style capturing Canada's rugged wilderness (p.25)
- Emily Carr — painted West Coast forests and Indigenous villages (p.25)
- Tom Thomson — The Jack Pine (p.25)
- Literature: Stephen Leacock, Louis Hémon, Margaret Laurence, Mordecai Richler, Joy Kogawa... (p.25)
- Cirque du Soleil — world-famous theatre company (p.25)

- Film: Denys Arcand, Norman Jewison, Atom Egoyan (p.25)
- 1853: “The Provincial Freeman”, first newspaper published by a woman, Mary Ann Shadd

National holidays

January 1	New Year's Day
January 11	Sir John A. Macdonald Day
April 9	Vimy Day
Monday before May 25	Victoria Day (Sovereign's birthday)
June 24	Fête Nationale (Quebec) (Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day)
July 1	Canada Day
1st Monday in Sept.	Labour Day
2nd Monday in Oct.	Thanksgiving
November 11	Remembrance Day — red poppy, silence at 11 a.m.
November 20	Sir Wilfrid Laurier Day
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26	Boxing Day

The Order of Canada

- Created in 1967 (Confederation's centennial) — Canada's highest civilian honour
- Honours outstanding citizens — anyone can nominate someone
- Replaced the former British titles and decorations

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