

CHAPTER 8: CENTRAL CANADA: ONTARIO

A. COMPREHENSION

1. Approximately what percentage of the population of Toronto was born outside of Canada?
2. Name the five lakes that make up the area known as the Great Lakes.
3. The beauty of Ontario's landscapes has been distinctively painted by a group of artists including Lawren Harris, A.Y. Jackson, J.E.H. Macdonald, Frederick Varley, Arthur Lismer, Frank Johnston, and Frank Carmichael. Many of their paintings are found in the McMichael Collection outside Kleinburg. We normally refer to these artists as _____.
4. What do we call the people who left what is now the United States in the late 1700s to come to what is now Canada because they were loyal to the British, against whom the Americans had rebelled?
5. Name the industry that has traditionally been the heart of Ontario's economy.
6. Name three ways (other than cars, bicycles, and walking) that people in Toronto get across long distances in the city. Which of the three is the oldest?
7. What major city has a canal system which some people use to get around the city (by boat in summer and on skates in winter)?
8. What tourist attraction straddles the Canadian-American border and receives more than 14 million visitors a year?
9. What is the name of the largest park in Ontario? (Clue: It is named after one of the First Nations.)
10. What is the name of the largest city in Canada and how many people does it have?

B. VOCABULARY RECOGNITION

Fill in each blank with a word from the list below.

adverse	instilled
dilemma	legacy
hospitable	looked in vain for
indescribable	pricey
indifferent	takes a toll on

1. The newcomers _____ a house they could afford in Toronto but couldn't find one, so they bought one in Whitby and the father took the train into Toronto to work each day.
2. The United Empire Loyalists aimed to leave to their descendants a _____ of familial pride, morality, and responsible citizenship.
3. Those who are _____ to the rights of others find themselves with few friends.
4. Children have values _____ in them by their parents that endure throughout their lives.
5. The air pollution in Toronto has an _____ effect on people with asthma.
6. Many find that food and accommodation in Canada are quite _____ and cost much more than what they paid for both in their country of origin.
7. Immigrating to Canada on one's energy and one's sense of identity.
8. First Nations people in Ontario were very _____ to the first European explorers to arrive and often helped them to survive Canada's harsh winters.
9. Henrik faced a difficult _____ when his parents wanted him to stay home and his friends wanted him to go out with them.
10. When the young woman left India to immigrate to Canada, her aunt phoned and asked what Canada was like. Her reply was: "Auntie, it is really _____ I don't know how to explain how different it is here."

C. WORD FAMILIES

Use your dictionary to find the other words in the word family chart below.

VERB	NOUN	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
-----		hospitable	
-----		adverse	
-----	eloquence		
		fascinating	-----
	thought thoughtfulness		

Use each word from the table in one of the 17 sentences below.

1. A _____ host will invite in his or her guests, take their coats, and offer them a seat.
2. _____ is necessary if one wants to create a sense of community for a group of people.
3. The mother was proud of her daughters when she saw how _____ they entertained their guests.
4. If you have an _____ reaction to a new medication, you should call your doctor or pharmacist, or, if it is serious, go immediately to a hospital emergency room.
5. The students reacted very _____ to the news of their tuition increase.
6. While none of us likes _____, it often makes us stronger in the long run.
7. The author wrote so _____ that she received a Trillium Book Award for her latest novel.
8. The _____ plenary speaker received a standing ovation at the end of her speech.
9. The _____ of the man's letter and the sincerity with which it was written convinced the woman that he loved her very much.
10. The baby's _____ with balloons made everyone laugh.
11. The young dinner guest from China told one _____ story after another about his country.
12. Skilled politicians can _____ their listeners with promises but often seem to have no intention of ever fulfilling them once elected.
13. The woman was grateful for her daughter's _____ in sending the beautiful bouquet of flowers for Mother's Day.
14. Giving away one's seat on a bus to a pregnant woman is considered a very _____ gesture.

15. The city asks that in throwing out our garbage, we _____ place broken glass or other sharp objects in a small box labelled “sharps” so that the workers handling them are not injured.

16. “I just had a _____,” she exclaimed happily. “It’s Friday. Why don’t we all go out for a drink after work?”

17. “I’m so tired that I _____ I’ll just go to bed.”

D. DISCUSSION TOPICS

- » I distinctly remember the first time I had the privilege of taking in a couple of plays in Stratford. It was a beautiful summer and my aunt and uncle from Toronto had arranged to take me there to see one Shakespearean play and one other play. We stayed in a lovely bed and breakfast—also a first for me—and had an absolutely memorable time together. I was hooked and have gone back several times to enjoy the magic of good theatre performed brilliantly by talented teams of people. Some people have no interest in arts and culture, while others do. What arguments can you think of as to why live theatre is valuable for us all?
- » In southern Ontario, there are several places where you can see horse-drawn black carriages on country roads driven by men in black suits with beards. Sometimes, you’ll see the horses hitched to a hitching post in town while the driver unloads fresh produce, to be sold at a local market. Some of these people are Old Order Mennonites and others Amish. Fenelon Falls is one Ontario town that values the presence of these communities; non-Mennonite and non-Amish residents try to be considerate when sharing roads with them in their cars and trucks and make way for them when the town becomes busier in summer. They are part of the community. What value do you see in supporting those who come from other cultures with customs that are very different from the majority?
- » Ottawa, Canada’s capital city, is located in Ontario. One of its striking features is the fact that 40 percent of the population identify themselves as bilingual in English and French. Indeed, when you visit the city, you hear both languages being used in the streets and restaurants wherever you go. Many Canadians are passionate advocates of bilingualism and support the federal government’s policy that we have two official languages due to our historical origins. What advantages do you see in speaking more than one language?