

Crossword Puzzles

History I Collection

Notes to Teacher

The **History I Collection** of crossword puzzles contains the following components:

1. 5 puzzles about **Canada During the Great War**.
2. 7 crossword puzzles about **Canada During World War II**.
3. a crossword based on the 2007 Ipsos-Reid/Dominion Institute survey - *What Do Young Adults Know About Canadian History?*
4. several crosswords based on more than 80 Canadian disasters.
5. four crosswords that look at milestone achievements of Canadian women.
6. 2 crossword puzzles that test your students' knowledge of Canada's current provincial Premiers and Lieutenant Governors.
7. a crossword that features Canada's 27 Governors General.
8. 8 crosswords that examine Canada's 22 Prime Ministers.

Canada During the Great War

The goal of the *Canada During the Great War* crossword package is to put Canadian events from 1914 to 1918 into the context of World War I. By using the timelines provided in each crossword's fact sheet, students will get a sense of what was going on in both Canada and in the broader international context of each year of the war. The crossword puzzle set contains the following components:

1. Two different puzzles for each year from 1914 – 1918 - 10 in all.
2. A fact sheet for use with each crossword in the set.
3. Answer keys for each puzzle.

The facts sheets provide the students with a chronological list of events that occurred in each year of the Great War. They will enable the students to answer all the questions raised in the puzzles. Clues for multi-word puzzle answers are preceded by a note that the answer consists of more than one word. For instance: "(3 words)" at the start of a clue indicates that the answer will be three words or initials. *WorldWarI* is treated as three words as is *WWI*. All provinces are treated as a single word (e.g. *BritishColumbia* is one word as is *BC*).

Canada During World War II

The goal of this crossword package is to put Canadian events from 1939 to 1945 into the context of World War II. By using the timelines provided in each crossword's fact sheet, students will get a sense of what was going on in both Canada and in the broader international context of each year of the war. The package contains the following components:

1. Two different puzzles for each year from 1939 – 1945 - 14 in all.
2. A fact sheet for use with each crossword in the package. The fact sheet provides students with the body of information required to complete the crossword puzzle.
3. Answer keys for each puzzle.

Clues for multi-word puzzle answers are preceded by a note that the answer consists of more than one word. For instance: "(3 words)" at the start of a clue indicates that the answer will be three words or initials. *WorldWarII* is treated as three words as is *WWII*. All provinces are treated as a single word (e.g. *BritishColumbia* is one word as is *BC*).

What Do You Know About Canadian History?

This crossword puzzles employs the questions used in the 2007 Ipsos-Reid/Dominion Institute *What Do Young Adults Know About Canadian History? 10 Year Benchmark Study*. In making the puzzle some of the questions were altered slightly – but most are essentially the same as in the original survey. (The press release about the survey is located elsewhere on this disk.)

This crossword can be used as a general knowledge survey or as a research assignment using text or library. I hope it is useful. Clues for multi-word puzzle answers are preceded by a notation that the answer consists of more than one word. For instance: "(3 words)" at the start of a clue indicates that the answer will be three words or initials. *HudsonsBayCompany* is treated as three words as is *HBC*. Similarly, *John A. Macdonald* becomes *johnamacdonald* and is treated as 3 words.

Canadian Disasters

The crossword puzzles in *Canadian Disasters* are based on *The Canadian Encyclopedia's* website which you can access at www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com. Information contained in individual entries on that website's timelines was used to generate the fact sheet that accompanies these crosswords. There are approximately 80 disasters referred to in these crosswords – more than can be included in a single puzzle. For that reason I have included 4 puzzles. Each contains 60-63 different items drawn from the 80⁺ disasters in the fact sheet.

These crosswords can be used in two ways:

1. With the accompanying fact sheet. This will allow your students to complete a puzzle in class with no additional resources.
2. Without the fact sheet as an out-of-class assignment using whatever research tools individual students are able to access. This lends itself to on-line searches using a variety of websites.

An additional resource that your students might find useful is Janet Looker's book *Disaster Canada* published by Lynn Images in 2000. It describes many of the disasters in this crossword in great detail and would be a useful resource if your students were asked to choose a disaster and report on it in greater detail.

Clues for multi-word puzzle answers are preceded by a notation that the answer consists of more than one word. For instance: "(3 words)" at the start of a clue indicates that the answer will be three words or initials. *Trans Canada Airlines* is treated as three words as is *TCA*. Similarly, *Nova Scotia* becomes *novascotia* or *ns* and is identified as "2 words".

First Canadian Women To ...

The *First Canadian Woman To ...* crossword puzzle set consists of several crossword puzzles based on a four page fact sheet that provides students with the information required to complete the puzzles.

1. Puzzles A and B use both first and last names of women who achieved milestones in Canada's history. These puzzles have from 60 to 63 clues.
2. Versions C and D use only their last names and include between 68 and 70 clues.

If students have access to computers, they can access biographies about most of the women at *The Canadian Encyclopedia's* website which is found at www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com. This encyclopedia is a good starting point for learning more about the women who achieved milestones in Canadian history.

Clues for multi-word puzzle answers are preceded by a notation that the answer consists of more than one word. For instance: "(3 words)" at the start of a clue indicates that the answer will be three words or initials. *Mary Ellen Smith* becomes *maryellensmith* or *MES* and is treated as three words.

Premiers & Lieutenant Governors

The *Premiers & Lieutenant Governors* puzzle set consists of crossword puzzles based on Canada's premiers and lieutenant governors. They also include the governor general and prime minister of Canada and the premiers and territorial commissioners of each territory. Each puzzle includes approximately 43 items – the only difference is in each puzzle's layout. Two versions ask for an office holder's first and last names and two others only use last names.

Unlike many of Better Classroom Guidebooks' crossword puzzles, no fact sheet is provided for students to use with this puzzle set. Students will have to consult a variety of print or internet based resources. If you want to be very kind suggest that consulting the Wikipedia Encyclopedia at www.wikipedia.com would be a useful reference – it was the source for many of these clues. Provincial and territorial websites would also be useful reference sites.

Clues for multi-word puzzle answers are preceded by a notation that the answer consists of more than one word. For instance: "(2 words)" at the start of a clue indicates that the answer will be three words or initials. *Gordon Campbell* becomes *gordoncampbell* and is treated as two

words. All references in this puzzle set use the Canada Post abbreviations for provinces and territories. Consequently, *Nova Scotia* becomes *ns* and is treated as one word.

Governors General

The *Governor General Crossword Puzzle* uses information drawn from the biographies of Canada's Governors General developed by the *Office of the Secretary to the Governor General*. These biographies are presented on the Governor General of Canada's website and may be accessed at www.gg.ca. Another useful internet reference is the Wikipedia Encyclopedia's *List of Governors General of Canada* located at www.wikipedia.org.

Some teachers may choose to give their students the crossword puzzle only and have their students visit the Governor General's website to locate the required information. This might be a useful approach when students visit a school's computer lab. In situations where student do not have access to the internet teachers may wish to provide their students with a copy of the Governor General Fact Sheets which can be downloaded from the Governor General's website. (*For your convenience, a one or two page reproduction of each Governor General's biography is located elsewhere on this disk.*)

Clues for multi-word puzzle answers are preceded by a note that the answer consists of more than one word. For instance: "(3 words)" at the start of a clue indicates that the answer will be three words or initials. *Canadian Pacific Railway* is treated as three words as is *CPR*. Similarly, *John A Macdonald* is treated as three words and so is *JAM*. All provinces are treated as a single word (e.g. *British Columbia* is one word as is *BC*).

Prime Ministers of Canada

The crossword puzzles in *Prime Ministers of Canada* collection use information drawn from *The Canadian Encyclopedia's* website at www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com. There are eight puzzles in the *Prime Ministers of Canada* crossword collection:

1. two puzzles review our 22 prime ministers by name.
2. six present basic information about groups of three or four prime ministers.
3. Each puzzle comes with a one page fact sheet that provides the student with sufficient information required to complete the puzzle.

If students have access to computers, they can access biographies about each prime minister at *the Canadian Encyclopedia's* website by following these prompts: [Home](#) > [Collections](#) > [TCE Subject Index](#) > [Biography](#) > [Prime Ministers](#).

Clues for multi-word puzzle answers are preceded by a notation that the answer consists of more than one word. For instance: "(3 words)" at the start of a clue indicates that the answer will be three words or initials. *Pierre Elliot Trudeau* becomes *PierreElliotTrudeau* or *PET* and is treated as three words. Similarly, *Nova Scotia* becomes *novascotia* or *ns* and is identified as "2 words".

General Information

All of the puzzles included in the **Geography I Collection** are essentially self checking – if the student’s answer fits it is usually correct. When I mark the puzzles I usually scan them for completion and spot check some of the answers for clues that I know have given students trouble. If you use crossword puzzles as a weekly activity you might decide to give them the weight of a unit of study. In my classes completion of twenty puzzles formed an elective unit worth 5% of the student’s final mark - such a “bonus mark” seemed to motivate!

I have found that many students who claim to dislike social studies will often enjoy completing history-based crossword puzzles. Students who do little “work” in class will often slave away on the puzzles and almost in spite of themselves start to see patterns in the “trivia” presented by the puzzles and their fact sheets. Often I had students work in partnerships. This helped support weaker students and “made the work go easier” on crosswords that were more challenging. I found that in many cases, even reluctant students started to absorb information and become interested in “finding out more” about our country! I believe that you will find as I have that these crosswords will be an entertaining and motivating way to boost your students’ learning.

Sincerely,
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