

## Canada Test Notes

Know the 10 provinces and 3 territories. Know their locations. A blank map will be provided where you will need to label the territories and provinces.

Know the 13 capitals of the 10 provinces and 3 territories. A word bank will be provided for you to either match the capital to its province/territory or to place it on the map.

### **The People:**

Canada has over 30 million people, whereas the United States has over 280 million people.

Canada's government is similar to that of the United States. It is a democracy. Their Congress is called a Parliament and their president is called a prime minister. Technically the British Queen or King is still the King or Queen of Canada, but they have little to no power in Canada.

MOST of Canada is English speaking, but there are MANY people in the area of Quebec who speak FRENCH.

MOST of the people in Canada live near the Canada – United States border. Specifically most of them live in the southeastern cities of Toronto (largest city in Canada, Quebec, Ottawa (Canada's NATIONAL CAPITAL), and Montreal (2<sup>nd</sup> largest city).

The Native Americans of Canada are now called the Inuit. They use to be called "Eskimos" but that term is now considered offensive by many of the Inuit tribes.

Jacque Cartier was an early French explorer. Cabot was slightly earlier. He was an Italian who sailed for Britain.

Canada's border with the United States is the world's longest undefended border between two nations.

### **The Climate:**

Most of Canada is colder than most of the United States because Canada is located farther from the Equator than most parts of the United States is. ALASKA, however, is part of the United States and is farther north than most of Canada so ALASKA is also very cold. Some regions in Canada have a fairly long growing season and so they have farms and ranches like the Midwest in the United States does.

The area where most of the Canadians live (southeastern Canada) is said to have a humid continental climate.

Most of Canada has enough precipitation for sustaining life. A big concern in recent years is acid rain though. Lakes and forests are being damaged by the rain containing pollution.

## **The Economy:**

NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) is an agreement between the USA, Canada, and Mexico that HELPS trade go smoothly between these 3 countries.

Canada's economy is much like the United States' economy. It is called a free market economy. People are able to make money from their businesses with very little government control.

The areas of Canada near the Oceans make a lot of their money in the shipping and fishing businesses.

The Canadian Shield area south of Hudson Bay is rich in minerals. (Mining is huge there.)

The Interior Plains area (north of our GREAT PLAINS) has farms and ranches.

One of Canada's largest industries is newsprint. Their large forests produce much of the paper for our newspapers.

Service industries are also important in Canada. These industries like hotels and restaurants provide services to people instead of giving them goods.

## **THE LAND:**

Glaciers have sculpted the Canadian land. They created the hills and many many lakes.

Mt. Logan is a prominent fixture in Canada. It is the highest peak in Canada.

The Prairie Provinces are Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

The Maritime Provinces (those by the sea) are Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

The Rocky Mountains, Appalachian Mountains, Great Lakes, Interior/Great Plains, and Niagra Falls are all features that we share with Canada.

The Coast Mountains and Rocky Mountains run side by side in the WEST of Canada. They call this area a cordillera.

Think about an area of Canada you'd like to visit if you could and be prepared to tell me why you chose that area.

## **Provinces/Territories and their Capitals:**

Newfoundland – St. Johns      Nova Scotia – Halifax      New Brunswick – Fredericton

Prince Edward Island – Charlottetown      Quebec – Quebec      Ontario – Toronto

Manitoba – Winnipeg      Saskatchewan – Regina      Alberta – Edmonton

British Columbia – Victoria      Northwest Territories – Yellowknife      Nunavut – Iqaluit

Yukon Territory - Whitehorse