

Multicultural Activities for Intermediate and Secondary Students

Word Origins

Many words used in English were acquired from other languages. Research to find the origins of the following words:

1. ballot
2. barbecue
3. bungalow
4. bronco
5. cardigan
6. cheetah
7. coffee
8. decoy
9. flamingo
10. gibberish
11. ghetto
12. grotto
13. guerrilla
14. gymnasium
15. hamburger
16. kangaroo
17. lasso
18. marmalade
19. pajamas
20. pasta
21. paisley
22. penguin
23. picnic
24. rendezvous
25. robot
26. samurai
27. snorkel
28. spinach
29. veranda
30. zinc

Notable Immigrants

Research the place of birth and accomplishments of the following Canadians. (Answers supplied.)

1. Alexander Graham Bell
(Scotland, inventor)
2. Harriet Tubman
(USA, underground railroad)
3. Ted Harrison
(England, painter)
4. Sharif Khan
(Pakistan, world squash champion)
5. Michael Ondaatje
(Sri Lanka, writer, film maker)
6. Alfred Sung
(Hong Kong, clothing designer)
7. Celia Franca
(England, National Ballet of Canada)
8. Paul Kane
(Ireland, artist)
9. Martha Henry
(USA, actress)
10. John Polanyi
(Germany, Nobel winning chemist)
11. Liona Boyd
(England, classical guitarist)
12. Timothy Eaton
(Ireland, founder of Eaton's)
13. Fanny Rosenfeld
(Russia, athlete)
14. Adrian Clarkson
(Hong Kong, journalist/broadcaster)
15. Daniel Yanofsky
(Poland, chess grand master)
16. Petra Burka
(Netherlands, Olympic skater)
17. Barbara Frum
(USA, radio and television broadcaster)
18. Stan Mitika
(Czechoslovakia, hockey player)

Religions in Canada

Although the majority of Canadians are Christians, many people have come to Canada to practise the religion of their choice. Research and report on the following religions (establish the scope of this assignment with your students before they begin their research).

1. Christianity
2. Judaism
3. Sikhism
4. Islam
5. Buddhism
6. First Nations beliefs
7. Hinduism
8. Ba'hai