

Toronto: A Place of Meeting

Student Activities

Part A: EXHIBITION SCAVENGER HUNT

First Inhabitants, French Régime and British Takeover, 8000 BCE-1805 CE

- What was the name of one group of Native people who lived on the land for thousands of years where Toronto now lies? _____

- What is the oldest artifact in the collection? Describe it and determine its age.

- Mississauga Language

The Mississauga people were one group who inhabited the area that Natives came to call Toronto. One of the artifacts in this collection is a dictionary made by French settlers of the Toronto area. Below are French words with their English meanings. Find the dictionary among the collection and list the Mississauga word for each.

FRENCH	ENGLISH	MISSISSAUGA
blanc	White	
canard	Duck	
droitre	Right	
gauche	Left	

- Toronto Purchase Treaty

The Toronto Purchase Treaty was signed in 1787 and 1805. The Mississauga Native people signed this treaty with the British settlers.

- How long and now wide was this property? _____

- What did the Mississauga receive for their land? _____

- The boundaries of this area were given in the treaty signed in 1805. One boundary was a certain tree near the mouth of the river shown at the south-west corner of the property. What type of a tree was it? _____

Founding of York and the Establishment of the City, 1791-1839

- How many city blocks was Toronto when it was first surveyed? _____
- When was Toronto incorporated as a city? _____

The Railways and the Industrial Age 1840-1899

- Name four products that were produced by Toronto factories at this time.
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Booms, Wars and Depression, 1900-1945

- How fast was Barney Oldfield driving his automobile when he set a Canadian speed record at the Exhibition. _____
 - What year did this happen? _____
- A great fire ravaged the downtown area of Toronto in 1904. Where did this happen?

- Name three winter sports that Torontonians enjoyed playing in the early 1900s. _____

Part B: MAP COMPARISON

The exhibition includes many different maps of Toronto in its different stages of development and growth. In the Venn diagram below, compare two different maps of Toronto. Record what you feel these two maps have in common where the two circles overlap and list details that are unique to each map in the remaining area of the circles. Look for what the map shows the viewer, who drew it, what it would have been used for and anything else that you feel is significant.



