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Canada

Section 3

MAIN IDEAS

1. Canada has a democratic government with a prime minister and a parliament.
2. Canada has four distinct geographic and cultural regions.
3. Canada's economy is largely based on trade with the United States.

Key Terms and Places

regionalism a strong connection that people feel toward their region

maritime on or near the sea

Montreal Canada's second-largest city, one of the world's largest French-speaking cities

Ottawa Canada's national capital

Vancouver city on the Pacific coast with strong trade ties to Asia

Section Summary

CANADA'S GOVERNMENT

Canada has a democratic central government led by a prime minister. This job is like that of a president. The prime minister is the head of Canada's national government. The prime minister also leads Parliament, Canada's governing body. Parliament is made up of the House of Commons and the Senate. Canadians elect members of the House of Commons. The prime minister appoints senators. Provincial governments are like state governments. A premier leads each province.

Circle the title of the person who is the leader of Canada's national government.

CANADA'S REGIONS

Canada has four regions. Each has its own cultural and physical features. In Quebec province, located in the Heartland region, **regionalism** has created problems between French and English speakers.

The eastern provinces are on the Atlantic coast. They include the **Maritime** Provinces—New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island—as well as Newfoundland and Labrador.

Underline the names of the three Maritime Provinces.

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Most people live in cities near the coast. Forestry and fishing are the major economic activities.

More than half of all Canadians live in the Heartland provinces of Ontario and Quebec. This region includes **Montreal**, Toronto, and **Ottawa**. Quebec is a center of French culture. Ontario is Canada's top manufacturing province.

The Western Provinces include British Columbia on the Pacific coast and the prairie provinces—Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. Farming is important there, especially growing wheat. In British Columbia, **Vancouver** is a major center for trade with Asia.

The Canadian North consists of the Yukon and Northwest territories and Nunavut, the Inuit homeland. The region is very cold and not many people live there. Nunavut has its own local government.

List two ways in which the Eastern and Heartland Provinces are different from each other.

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CANADA'S ECONOMY

Many of Canada's economic activities are connected to its natural resources. Mining and manufacturing are key industries along with producing minerals. Most Canadians hold service jobs. Tourism is the fastest-growing service industry. Trade is also important. The United States is Canada's leading trading partner. The United States buys much of its lumber from Canada.

Which type of economic activity employs the most workers?

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CHALLENGE ACTIVITY

Critical Thinking: Drawing Conclusions Why do you think Canada and the United States are such strong trading partners? What are the advantages and disadvantages of this strong trading relationship? Explain your answer in a one-page essay.

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heartland	Inuit	maritime
Montreal	motto	Ottawa
regionalism	Toronto	Vancouver

DIRECTIONS Look at each set of four vocabulary terms. On the line provided, write the letter of the term that does not relate to the others.

_____ 1. a. culture
b. regionalism
c. connection
d. industrial

_____ 2. a. coast
b. heartland
c. Atlantic
d. maritime

_____ 3. a. Montreal
b. Toronto
c. Ottawa
d. Windsor

_____ 4. a. Yukon
b. Vancouver
c. Nunavut
d. tundra

_____ 5. a. Alberta
b. Manitoba
c. Saskatchewan
d. Nova Scotia

DIRECTIONS Choose five terms from the word bank. On the lines below use these terms to write a poem or story that relates to the section.

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