Made in Canada Canadian Celebrities

There is a lot to know about the vast country of Canada. From its history to its culture, you can never know enough Canadian trivia. Check out each category and test your knowledge of what you do know, and what you will now know.

Canadian Fistory
Did you know in 1527, John Rut of St. John's

Newfoundland was the first to send a letter written in English from North America. He wrote to King Henry VII about his voyage.

Canadian James Naismith invented basketball in December 1891 and the sport was first used at the YMCA training school in Springfield, Massachusetts where he taught. It was created as a sport to play indoors because winter was so cold.

Famous Canadians in mainstream media have contributed to the world of entrainment. Some of them include music performers Justin Bieber, Drake, Carly Rae Jepsen, Michael Buble, Neil Young, Alanis Morrissette, Avril Lavigne, Leonard Cohen, Celine Dion, Sarah McLachlan,

As for actors, there are many Canadians on the big screen, including Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams, Mike Myers, Ryan Reynolds, William Shatner, Nathan Fillion, Jim Carrey, Michael Cera, Neve Campbell, Victor Garber, and John Candy.

Nelly Furtado, and Joni Mitchell to name a few.

Canadian Nature
Did you know the largest land animal in North America can be found in Alberta, Manitoba, and the Northwest Territories? That animal is the wood bison. There were once 168,000 in Canada but reduced habitat and disease has decreased their numbers to about 10,000.

If you fear snakes, stay clear of Manitoba's

Narcisse Wildlife Management Area. It has the largest concentration of snakes in the world. It provides hibernation sites for more than 70,000 snakes.

Canadian Geography
If you enjoy long walks along the shore, Canada is the place to be. The country has 243,000 kilometres of coastline which is the longest in the world. The thousands of islands in Canada are the largest contributors to the coastline.

Canada is the second biggest country on earth at 3,855,103 square miles, however 80 per cent of its land is uninhabited due to its unique geography. An astonishing 90 per cent of Canadians live within 159 km (99 miles) of the U.S. border.

Canadian Sports
Throughout Canada, athletics is a big deal and goes back as far as 500 years ago. Canada's national summer sport lacrosse had Indigenous roots. First Nations played the field game across the country

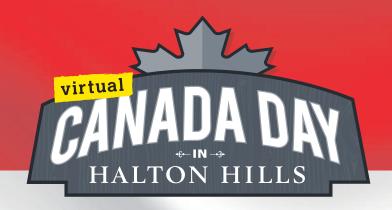
became Canada's first governing body of sport in 1867.

The classic game of ringette was invented in 1963 by Canadian Sam Jacks, who was the director of parks and recreation in North Bay, Ontario. The game was created as an on-ice skating game for women.

Canadian Cutture

Canada is known for its diversity from all backgrounds. In Toronto alone, more than 140 languages are used and in 1971 the country became the first in the world to adopt multiculturalism as an official policy.

Alert Bay, British Columbia is home to the world's largest Indigenous made totem pole. It stands 173 feet tall and it is meant to represent many groups of the Kwakwaka'wakw people.



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