

Victoria Day and Canada Day

For Victoria Day (Commonwealth Day) in May and/or before Canada Day on July 1st learn about Canada! Learn the provinces and where Canada is in the world. Colour a flag, or make a flag with a hand print.



Make badges to wear with the maple leaf.

Learn to sing 'Oh Canada'.

Learn that Canada is our country and the names of all the provinces.

Read Around Canada

"I run the following program in my classroom. The aim is to encourage children to read (and it even gets reluctant readers on board) and it helps them to learn about Canada.

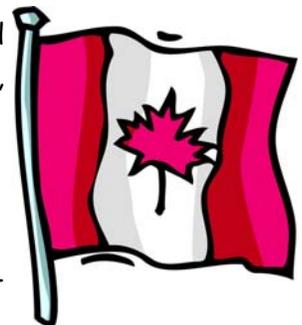
"Every time a child completes a book they bring it to me and I check how many pages have been read. For every two pages they earn 1 kilometre. These kilometres accumulate and enable them to 'travel' around the country.

For example, if a children reads 100 pages they will travel 50 kilometres and this continues until they reach a nearby town. It is very easy to adapt, e.g. change the country in the title; award kilometres for more or less reading (i.e. 1 kilometre per page/chapter, etc); have them travel around the world."

The Monday on or before May 24th is Victoria Day or Commonwealth Day. Explain the nations that make up the Commonwealth and talk about who Victoria was. (This is especially appropriate for BC kids, with Victoria our provincial capital.)

Sing 'Happy Birthday' to Canada!

Learn the symbols of Canada - the flag, the maple leaf, the beaver, etc.



Make Canadian flags

Use an 8 1/2" X 12" sheet of paper. Trace around the hand and join the lines at the bottom of the palm to form the maple leaf. Colour the 'leaf' and use a ruler to make the end panels and colour them, too.



Celebrate with streamers!

Take a piece of tag and roll it the tall way so the edges overlap and staple it in several places.

Decorate another sheet of white paper (standing the portrait way) with flags and symbols of Canada. Then attach red and white crepe paper streamers behind the bottom edge. Wrap this piece around the tag cylinder and staple it in place.

Make Maple Leaf Rubbings

Go outdoors and find perfect maple leaves. Place a leaf upside down (the veins up) on the desk and cover it with white paper. Use the side of a red wax crayon and make a rubbing.

Fireworks for Canada Day

Draw exploding fireworks on black construction paper with glitter markers - or draw the fireworks shapes with liquid glue and sprinkle glitter. Make curved lines out from a center point.

<http://www.crayola.com/crafts/detail/festive-fireworks!-craft/>

Additional Ideas:

Paint flags using a red hand print as a maple leaf.

Do rubbings of the Canadian coins.

Face paint a flag by first putting on a red stamp of the Canadian flag and then painting in the bars and the leaf.

http://www.fvsd.ab.ca/stm/strictly_canadian_sites.htm

This site has lots of links to good information.

Learn more about the Canadian government in Ottawa.

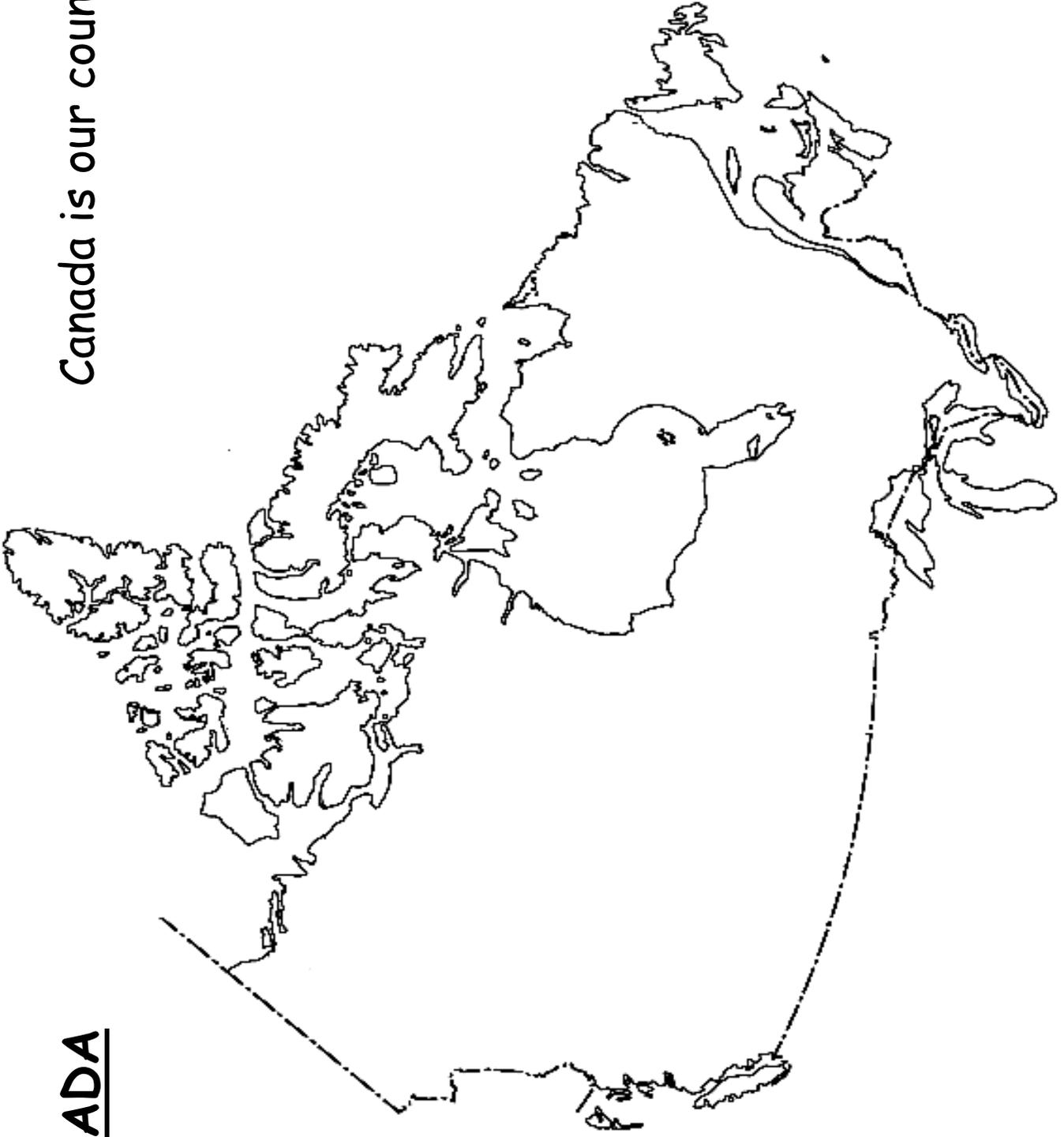
<http://www.dltk-kids.com/canada/songs/index.html>

This website has more songs and activities.....



CANADA

Canada is our country.



O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
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