

Learning About the Canadian Oxford World Atlas (5th Edition)

Write your answers on this sheet.

1. Turn to the title page of the Atlas. Who was responsible for putting this book together? When was this edition published? Why is it important to check the date an atlas was published?
2. Locate the Table of Contents. On what pages are the following maps found?
 - Canada – Soils and Agriculture
 - Atlantic Provinces
 - Europe –Population and Communications
 - Asia – Physical Relief
 - World – Nuclear and Armaments
 - World – Environmental Damage
3. What is a **thematic map**? (You will need to use a dictionary or other reference work to answer this.)
4. On what two pages can you find a map showing northern Canada, from the Pacific to the Atlantic coasts, showing cities, provinces and land height?
5. Look at page 5. Why do flat images of the world, like maps, always stretch or cut parts of it?
6. What kinds of information are found on pages 12 to 15?
7. Turn to page 52. What kinds of land use are shown on the city map at the top of this page? What other kinds of information are shown in the same map?
8. Turn to pages 146 and 159. Why does this Atlas have two Gazeteers (indexes)?

9. What information is provided at the bottom of page 145?
10. Look up each of the following locations in the Canada Index (Gazeteer). Write down the page number of the map that you are directed to and then find the location on the map. Place a check mark next to the page number if you successfully found the place.
- Dalhousie, New Brunswick
New Glasgow, Nova Scotia
Kootenay Lake, BC
Smallwood Reservoir, Newfoundland
11. Why can you not find a page and a latitude and longitude for Halifax, Nova Scotia in the Index on page 167?
12. On what page of the Atlas will you find a map showing Uzbekistan?
13. Look at pages 185-211. List the **major** headings. Suggest some of the ways a reader might use this kind of information.
14. Look at page 185. What are Canada's three largest provinces in total land area? Which province is the smallest? Which two provinces have the largest percentage of people who are bilingual in English and French?
15. Look at page 186. Has emigration from Canada increased or decreased since 1960? Explain.
16. Look at page 187. Were there more people of Polish or Caribbean origin in 1991? In Ontario were there more people of French or German origin in the same year?
17. Look at page 189. What is Canada's largest city (metropolitan area) in physical size in 1996? Which had the largest population?
18. Look at page 189. How many aboriginal people were there in Canada in 1996? How many of them had "status" and live on reserves?

19. Look at page 192. What happened to the number of farms in Canada between 1901 and 1996? What happened to the size of farms in the same period?
20. Look at page 193. Where did Canada rank among wheat exporting countries in 1995? Did we export more or less wheat in 1995 than in 1981?
21. Look at page 195. How much wood pulp did we import from the USA in 1993? How much did we export to the USA in the same year?
22. Look at page 196. What happened to the amount of the salmon catch on Canada's Pacific coast between 1990 and 1994?
23. Look at page 200. What Canadian province has the greatest remaining reserves of conventional crude oil? What trends do you see in the changes in BC and Alberta's reserves in 1995?
24. Look at page 200. Which two provinces have the greatest capacity for hydro electricity? Which province produces the most nuclear energy?
25. Look at page 204. What country, other than the US, did Canadians like to visit most in 1995?
26. Look at page 209. Which Canadian city seems to suffer from the worst major air pollutant problem? Does Halifax or Vancouver have the biggest problem with sulphur dioxide pollution?
27. Look at pages 210-211. Where should you live if you want to experience Canada's mildest climate? Where is the best place to live if you want to avoid precipitation? Where should you live to experience the most days and hours of bright sunshine?
28. Look at pages 212-218. Which country has the largest population? How many people live there? Which country has the lowest **infant mortality rate**? In which country do women have the most children, on average? In what country do people live the shortest lives?