

# Canada



**Instructions.** Read the following text. Then, in the chart below, write one relevant aspect of this country for each category: religion, music, and native people.

## Religion

Most are either Roman Catholic or Protestant; the major Protestant churches are the United Church of Canada, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Lutheran church. Roman Catholics constitute the largest single religious group, accounting for more than two-fifths of the population. Protestants, the second largest group, make up about three-tenths of the population.

## Music

There was a virtual explosion of musical activity in Canada in the second half of the 20th century. Choral music societies sprang up across the country. Opera grew; Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver had regular opera seasons, and the Toronto-based Canadian Opera Company toured extensively, often to remote parts of the country. Construction of a permanent opera house in Toronto began in 2003. Many cities have their own symphony orchestras, particularly those with Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) broadcast centres, where musicians can be sustained by radio and television assignments. The symphony orchestras of Toronto and Montreal are internationally recognized.

## Native People

Canada's native peoples were long stigmatized and placed on the periphery of national society—and drug and alcohol addiction was common on many reserves—but more recently they have attempted to recapture their traditions. Indian art—such as stone and bone sculpture, basketmaking, and carving—is particularly popular. Most of the best arts and crafts exhibit unique characteristics that identify the region in which they were made. Native festivals and ceremonies abound, and this increased social activism has led to political gains.

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