

Canadian Symbols – Information Gap Activity

Instructions:

- In pairs, choose one student to be **Student A**, and the other to be **Student B**.
- Once chosen, only look at the information for your page.
- Ask your partner questions about the missing information in the text below.
- Then answer your partner's questions.
- Compare each other's texts and check the inserted information.

Student A's Page

1) _____ is one of Canada's symbols. Centuries ago, it was a symbol of the Hudson's Bay Company. This company traded 2) _____ to Europe. When they were looking for beaver, they explored Canada's vast and unknown land. In 3) _____ the beaver also became a symbol of the St. Jean Baptiste Society, a French Canadian patriotic organization. Today, the beaver is on the 4) _____ coin, and on the coats of arms of Alberta and Saskatchewan. It also appears 5) _____.

The 1) **maple** leaf is another Canadian symbol. It is probably the most common symbol that everyone around the world associates with 2) **Canada**. Maple trees have been growing in Canada 3) **for centuries** and have been an important part of the Canadian landscape. 4) **French Canadians** used maple leaves as their symbols in the 1700s. Then, maple leaves appeared on Canadian uniforms and insignia. 5) Since **1965**, the maple leaf has been featured on the Canadian flag.

Student B's Page

1) **The Beaver** is one of Canada's symbols. Centuries ago, it was a symbol of the Hudson's Bay Company. This company traded 2) **beaver fur** to Europe. When they were looking for beaver, they explored Canada's vast and unknown land. In 3) **1834** the beaver also became a symbol of the St. Jean Baptise Society, a French Canadian patriotic organization. Today, the beaver is on the 4) **five-cent** coin, and on the coats of arms of Alberta and Saskatchewan. It also appears 5) **on many Canadian stamps.**

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