

CLB 3-Famous Canadians-Reading Skill Using-Comprehending Information

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Knowing Who We Are



The Aboriginal People of Canada came from Asia thousands of years ago. They were living in this country a long time before explorers from Europe discovered North America.

The Aboriginal people were the first people of Canada. They have many different spiritual

beliefs and cultural traditions. They have a special relationship with nature because they depended on it for survival. Today, the word Aboriginal refers to three main groups of people:

- First Nations
- Metis
- Inuit

The biggest group of Aboriginal people in Canada is the First Nations. First Nations people make up 65% of the Aboriginal People in Canada. Until European settlers came to North America, the First Nations people lived all across Canada. In 1876, the government of Canada made an agreement with the First Nations people. It was called the Indian Act. The Indian Act gave the First Nations people large areas of land where they could live. These areas of land were called reserves or reserve land. Half of the First Nations people live on reserve land today, and the other half live off reserve land, mostly in cities.

The second biggest group of Aboriginal people in Canada is Metis. Metis are descendants of first Nations mothers and French European fathers. These European fathers were fur traders. Most Metis live in Canada's Prairie Provinces. They make up 30% of the Aboriginal people in Canada.

The third group of Aboriginal people in Canada is Inuit. Inuit means "the people" in the Inuktitut language. The Inuit live in small communities in the Arctic (northern Canada). They live off the land by hunting and fishing. They make up 4% of the Aboriginal people in Canada.

Reading Comprehension Questions

1. What is the reading about?
 - a. Canadian people
 - b. Aboriginal people
 - c. Europeans
2. How long have Aboriginal people lived in Canada?
 - a. 1876
 - b. thousands of years
 - c. not sure
3. How many main groups of Aboriginal people are there?
 - a. Inuit
 - b. thousands
 - c. three
4. Aboriginal people were the first people to live in Canada.
 - a. True
 - b. False

5. Which groups is the biggest group of Aboriginal people?
 - a. First Nations
 - b. Inuit
 - c. Metis

6. What is Indian Act?
 - a. Cultural and spiritual beliefs of Aboriginal people
 - b. An agreement that gives First Nations people large area of land to live
 - c. Marriage between Aboriginal people and Europeans

7. Today, all First Nations people live on the reserve land only.
 - a. True
 - b. False

8. Who are Metis?
 - a. Group of Inuit children
 - b. Children born to First Nations mother and European father
 - c. Europeans born in Canada

9. Where do most Metis live? _____

10. What does Inuit mean?
 - a. Inuktitut
 - b. The people
 - c. The land

11. What do most Inuit do?
 - a. They work as fur traders
 - b. They hunt and fish
 - c. They make art

12. Based on the reading, all Aboriginal people are the same, with the same beliefs, culture, traditions and language.
 - a. True
 - b. False