Heritage Fair COUNTD WN

- Choose a **date and location** for your Heritage Fair.
- Decide on potential **themes** or **topics**; Heritage Fair accommodates many curricular outcomes.
- Prepare a student **handout** and **rubric** to outline expectations.
- Draft a **parent letter**, highlighting the project (include a "Save the Date" for the Heritage Fair!).
- Consider forming a small **committee** to help organize your Heritage Fair.
- Heritage Fair **kick-off**! Host an assembly, visit a local museum or go on a community walk.
- Plan any extra **activities** for your Heritage Fair (workshops, entertainment, guest speakers, etc.).
- Students explore **potential topics** and do basic research (answering the 5 "Ws").
- Practice making strong **INQUIRY questions** as a class.
- Explore the **Historical Thinking Concepts**.
- Help students create their own inquiry questions.
- Continue **research** in class or at home. Encourage students to explore a variety of sources and perspectives.
- Help students refine their inquiry questions as needed.
- Students search for **primary sources**, **artifacts**, and **engaging visuals**.

Want to plan a Heritage Fair for your students?

Follow this checklist to keep you and your students on track for the big day!

WEEKS

- Students **interpret** and **analyze** their sources to answer their question.
- Students create a written **outline**, **draft**, and **final version** of their response.

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- Students create a **visual element** to showcase their work a slideshow, video, skit, or poster.
- Students create a 2-minute **oral presentation** to answer their inquiry question.

Students set up their **displays**.

Host an **opening ceremony** with remarks

Schedule time for students to visit each other's displays and participate in any activities you've arranged.

from the principal or special guests.

- Invite teachers, administration, families, and guests to the Heritage Fair!
- Reward each student a **certificate of participation** for a job well done.

Want to keep going?

See if there is a Regional Heritage Fair in your community that your students can attend!

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TOP RESOURCES FOR...

EXPLORING TOPICS

A Black People's History of Canada

Canadian Encyclopedia

Canada Science and Technology Museum

Canadian Museum of History

Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21

Canadian War Museum

First Nations Child & Family Caring Society

Kayak: Canada's History Magazine for Kids

McCord Steward Museum

National Film Board of Canada

National Gallery of Canada

Parks Canada: National Historic Sites

*And don't forget local libraries, museums, archives and cultural centres!

INQUIRY

What's the Story? (Canada's History, 2022)

HISTORICAL THINKING CONCEPTS

The Historical Thinking Project

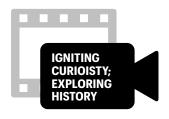
Tips for Teachers: Enriching projects with historical thinking concepts (The Critical Thinking Consortium 2014)

ASSESSMENT

Sample Heritage Fair Rubric
(Prince Edward Island Heritage Fairs)

Ready to begin your Heritage Fair journey?

Find tools and inspiration for an experience catered to you and your students.





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