

# Heritage Fair COUNTDOWN

4 MONTHS

- ✘ 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.

3 MONTHS

- ✘ 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”).

10 WEEKS

- ✘ Practice making strong **INQUIRY questions** as a class.
- ✘ Explore the **Historical Thinking Concepts**.
- ✘ Help students create their own inquiry questions.

8 WEEKS

- ✘ 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!

6 WEEKS

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

2 WEEKS

- ✘ 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.

HERITAGE FAIR DAY

- ✘ Students set up their **displays**.
- ✘ Host an **opening ceremony** with remarks from the principal or special guests.
- ✘ Schedule time for students to visit each other’s displays and participate in any activities you’ve arranged.
- ✘ 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!

[CanadasHistory.ca/HeritageFairs](https://CanadasHistory.ca/HeritageFairs)



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**HISTORY**

# 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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