

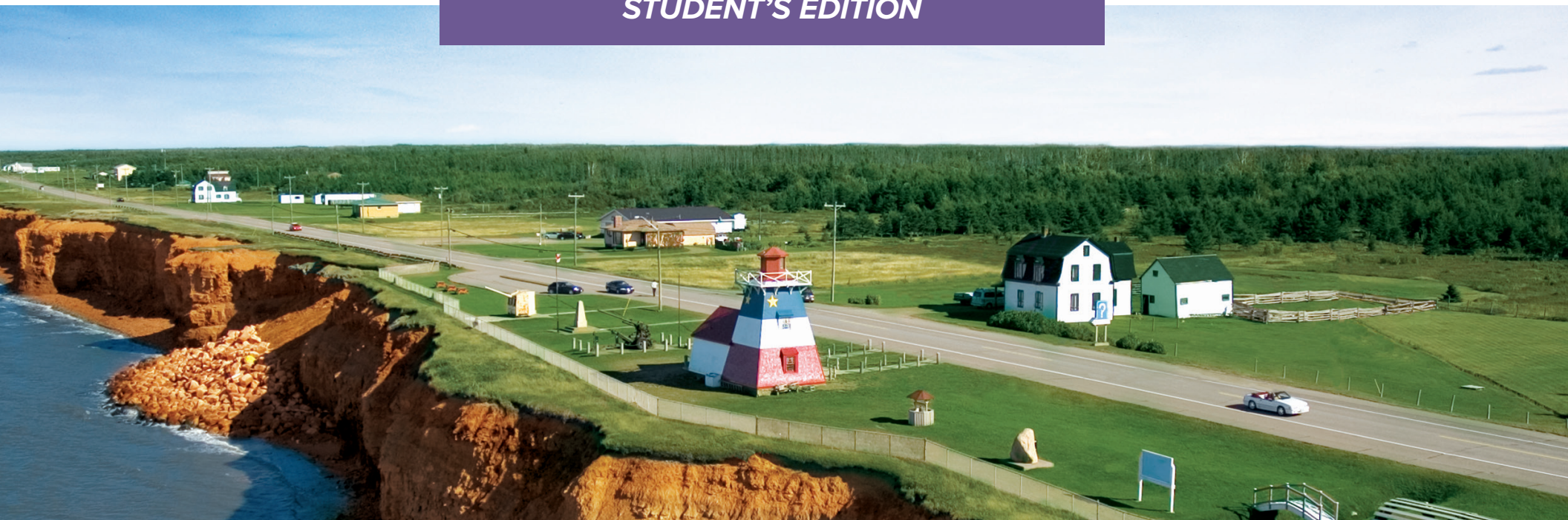


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EDUCATIONAL TOURS

An Acadian cultural immersion

STUDENT'S EDITION



Introduction

Bon Vivant Educational Tours is excited to offer educational tours in the Maritimes and provide students with a chance to experience what Acadian culture is all about during the Acadian Immersion Tour. Among the many educational activities, the tour includes a kitchen party at the Pays de la Sagouine, a visit to the Village Historique Acadien and a tour of the Monument Lefebvre.

In this unit, we want to provide students with a general idea of Acadian history, so that they can build on that knowledge during the tour and further their understanding of Acadian culture. History can be learned through dates and events, yet there is no better way to learn about culture than to experience it. That is why we have developed a booklet in which students can write down observations and deepen their understanding of cultural expressions as they encounter them during the tour. We hope that you will enjoy the preparation leading up to the tour as well as the immersion itself!

We invite you to take a look at the following introductory video and get a taste of what awaits you in Acadie!

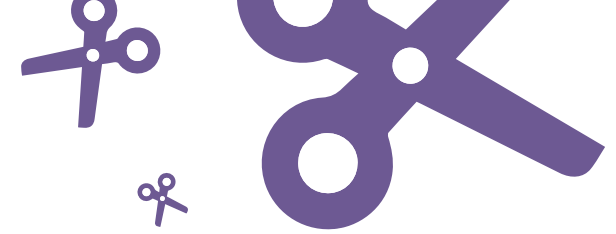
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What did you see in the video?



ACTIVITY 1

Acadian Facts & Dates

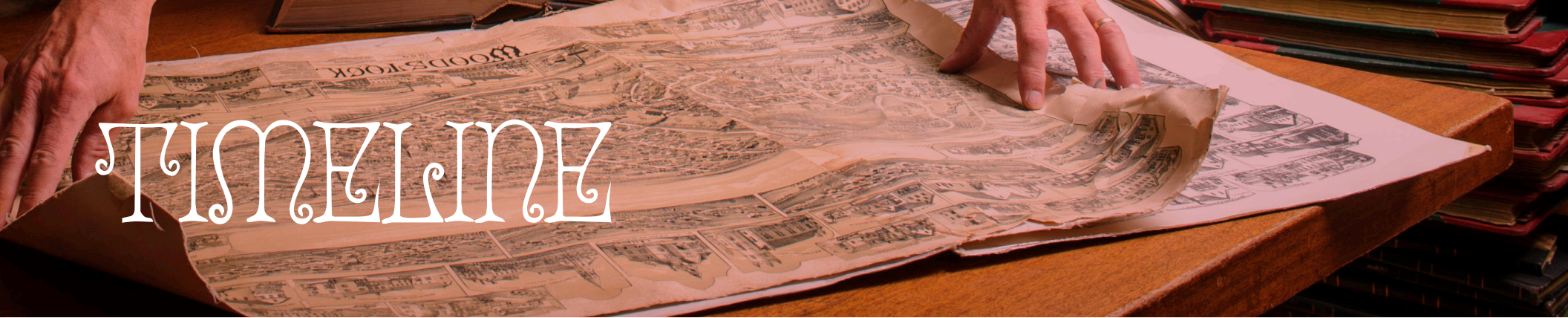


The following facts are all mixed up.
Can you place them in the right order on the time line on the next page?

<p>Acadians are slowly allowed by the British authorities to return to the Maritimes.</p> <p>A</p>	<p>This period has been called the Golden Age of the Acadians. Farming brings prosperity and the population grows from 2 300 to 13 000 inhabitants.</p> <p>B</p>	<p>The first National Acadian Convention takes place and August 15 is adopted as National Day.</p> <p>C</p>	<p>The second National Acadian Convention is organized. A motto, an insignia and an anthem are adopted for the occasion.</p> <p>D</p>
<p>With the Treaty of Utrecht, France concedes Acadia to England. The British rule starts.</p> <p>E</p>	<p>The National Acadian Convention has for theme “Acadia of the world: A new Acadia! Toward a New Beginning!”</p> <p>F</p>	<p>Refusing to take an oath of allegiance while under British rule that included fighting against the French, the Acadians are deported.</p> <p>G</p>	<p>This is a period of Acadian renewal with the renaissance of Acadian pride and identity.</p> <p>H</p>
<p>The first Acadian census is organized in Port Royal. There are 392 people, 482 cattle and 524 sheep.</p> <p>I</p>	<p>This is a period of great expansion for Acadie. Many people leave Port Royal and settle in other areas.</p> <p>J</p>	<p>French presence is established in the New World. A contingent of explorers leaves France to assert their King’s claim to l’Acadie.</p> <p>K</p>	<p>Samuel de Champlain establishes a first settlement in Port Royal, now Annapolis Royal, in Nova Scotia.</p> <p>L</p>



HINT - We recommend cutting the squares below in order to be able to move them around and easily place them chronologically!



1604

1605

1671

1680-1790

1713

1730-1748

1755

1764

1881

1884

1960-1970

2014

ACTIVITY 2 - Group Discussion

What is culture?

The Oxford dictionary defines culture as “the ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular people or society.” The Merriam-Webster also points to the beliefs, ways of life and art of a particular society. In class, we invite you to have a group discussion about what is culture, and what it encompasses. To make it even more concrete, we recommend thinking of different examples for each element of the definition. We have regrouped the elements into 4 themes to help you structure your discussion. Keep in mind that they are all interrelated and that there may be overlap.

- 1) Ideas & beliefs
- 2) Ways of life
- 3) Customs and traditions
- 4) Art

Questions for students

- 1 - Can you define what are ideas & beliefs, ways of life, customs and traditions, and art?**
- 2 - Do you have examples for each group?**



1. IDEAS & BELIEFS

Description

Examples

2. WAYS OF LIFE

Description

Examples

3. CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

Description

Examples

4. ART

Description

Examples

Acadian Cultural Expressions

Just like a journalist, we invite you to write down and compile all the cultural expressions that you will encounter during the tour! In order to help you organize your notes, keep in mind the different elements of culture discussed previously. You can also create your own categories. Culture encompasses many things, and there's only one way to really know what a culture is all about - by experiencing it!

Tip! These notes will be very useful for the post-tour activity which is an in-class presentation about your cultural immersion in Acadie.



IDEAS & BELIEFS

WAYS OF LIFE

CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

ART

Additional notes and observations

French Vocabulary List

Language is also a big component of a culture. It could be described as a vehicle of culture. It is through language that people can communicate, interact and express their ideas, their beliefs, their customs and their traditions. For instance, language plays an important role in music where singer-songwriters can express their ideas and express their culture.

While on-tour, we recommend making a list of new French words and taking this opportunity to further your knowledge of the French language.

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After your trip

Did you enjoy your Acadian immersion tour? It's time to share your tour highlights with your classmates! What made this trip unique and fascinating? Did you learn any new French words? What was the most interesting food? We invite you to build a PowerPoint presentation on the theme of culture, using your journalistic notes and your tour photos.

We recommend making a presentation with 7-8 slides, so that you have enough content to speak for 5 minutes.

1 - First, create an introduction slide. This slide provides an opportunity to introduce yourself and your presentation. You may want to add a nice photo from the tour which represents Acadian culture.

2 - On the second slide, create your very own definition of what is culture and what it means to you, based on your experience. Remember your group discussion and all the elements that you discussed in class. It will help you build a complete description.

Tip! Take a look in your dictionary to get inspiration and see how a definition is typically written.

3 - On the third slide, answer the following question: What ideas and beliefs do Acadians share? Do you have a supporting picture? Or maybe a supporting story? Provide a concrete example of an idea or belief.



DEFINITION OF CULTURE

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4 - On the fourth slide, what are typical Acadian ways of life and social behaviours? For instance, it could be that they are great fishermen and that lobster is an integral part of their gastronomy. Did you observe that too? Did you notice other ways of life or social behaviours? Provide an example.

5 - On the fifth slide, what customs and traditions do Acadians share? Did you observe any customs and traditions at the Historical Acadian Village for example? Do you have a picture or story to share on that topic?

6 - On the sixth slide, present which art forms you noticed while on tour. Did you take a photograph of a sculpture or of a painting? Did you listen to traditional Acadian music during the kitchen party at Pays de la Sagouine? Share with the class one of the Acadian artistic expression that you enjoyed while on tour.

7 - On the last slide, we invite you to share 3 French words which you learned while on tour, and to provide their meaning. If you didn't learn any new words, maybe you can give your impression of Acadian French. Was it easy to understand? Did you have a chance to speak French while on tour?

We hope that this activity will bring back a lot of great souvenirs and that you enjoyed the learning experience. Most importantly, have fun with the presentation!

Lastly, feel free to share your PowerPoint with the Bon Vivant team at bonvivanttours@gmail.com, we would love to see what you prepared.

3 NEW FRENCH WORDS

1) Homard

Le homard est un crustacé qui vit dans l'eau salée. On le retrouve notamment dans l'océan Atlantique où on le pêche pour l'alimentation locale et l'exportation.

2) Ploye

Une ploye est une crêpe typiquement acadienne. On la fait à partir de farines de sarasin et de blé, d'eau et de poudre à pâte. On la mange surtout dans la région de Madawaska.

3) Un «bon vivant»

C'est une personne qui aime la vie, qui sait en profiter.



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INTRODUCTION

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by Roch Voisine and Natasha St-Pier

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- A Country by Consent, The Acadians: Introduction

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ACTIVITY 2

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Oxford Dictionaries

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Dictionnaire Larousse

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McMichael Canadian Art Collection

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ACTIVITY 3

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See you soon!

