



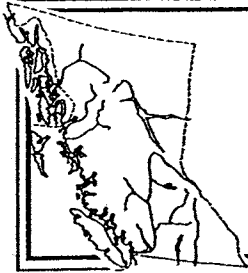
# Let's Visit BRITISH COLUMBIA

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# *Let's Visit* **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

## Objectives

1. To provide students with the opportunity to study British Columbia.
2. To familiarize students with the location of British Columbia in Canada, North America and the world.
3. To provide students with the opportunity to locate towns, cities and bodies of water found in British Columbia through the use of different types of maps.
4. To make students aware of the importance of British Columbia and its relationship to the rest of Canada.
5. To acquaint students with famous tourist attractions found in British Columbia and their locations.
6. To introduce famous people who came from British Columbia.

## List of Resources

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**N.B.** The primary People's Press Ltd. produces a set of books on the Canadian Provinces and Territories. There is one book for each province and territory. These books are useful during the study of the Canadian Provinces.





# *Let's Visit* **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

## **List of Vocabulary**

### **Provincial Words**

pacific dogwood (flower), Victoria (capital city), steller's jay (bird), splendour sine occasu - "splendour without diminishment" (motto)

### **Famous Places**

B.C. Place Stadium, Butchart Gardens, Gastown, 'Ksan Indian Village, Royal British Columbia Museum, Emily Carr Gallery, Barkerville Provincial Park, Victoria, Vancouver, Stanley Park, English Bay, Hole in the Ice Totem Pole, Kamloops Wildlife Park, Okanagan Lake, Queen Elizabeth Park, Burnaby, Richmond, Squamish, Doukhobor Heritage Village, Duncan, Telegraph Cove, Eagle Valley, Bakerville, Queen Charlotte Islands, Lion's Gate Bridge, Grouse Mountain, Whistler Mountain, Coast Mountains, Rocky Mountains, Cariboo Mountains, Cassiar Mountains, Selkirk Mountains, Monashee Mountains, Glacier National Park, Okanagan Valley, Takakkaw Falls, Graham Islands, 1 000 Mile House, Granville Island, Kamloops, Thunderbird Park, Provincial Parks

### **Major Cities**

Prince Rupert, Hazelton, Kitimat, Prince George, Kamloops, Penticton, Nelson, Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, Quensel, Nelson Forks, Dawson Creek, Atlin, Telegraph Creek, Trail, Kelowna, Fort Nelson, Fort St. John, Cranbrook

### **Bodies of Water**

Pacific Ocean, Hecate Strait, Queen Charlotte Strait, Strait of Georgia, Juan de Fuca Strait, Williston Lake, Okanagan Lake, Harrison Lake, Chilko Lake, Stuart Lake, Babine Lake, Lake Atlin, Fraser River

### **Famous People**

David Suzuki (scientist), Matthew Baillie Begbie (judge), Elaine Tanner (Olympic medallist), Karen Magnussen (skater), Arthur Erickson (architect), Bryan Adams (musician), Emily Carr (artist), Chief Dan George (actor), Joy Kogawa (novelist), Ian Tyson (musician)

### **Types of Industry**

forestry, paper, lumber, copper, zinc, lead, oil, natural gas, fishing, agriculture



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## **Teacher Information**

### British Columbia

#### General

British Columbia joined confederation on July 20, 1871. Its capital is Victoria, although Vancouver is the province's largest city. The provincial flower is the Pacific dogwood. The provincial bird is the Steller's Jay. The population of British Columbia is 3 244 100 (1991); the area is 948 598 square kilometres, which is 9.5% of Canada, making it Canada's third largest province.

#### Location

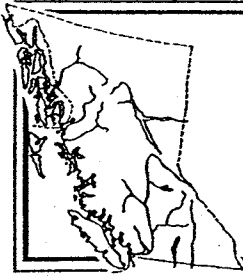
British Columbia is the western most province in Canada. It borders the Pacific Ocean, Alberta, the United States (Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska) and the Territories.

#### Geography

It is a magnificent province with a variety of interesting geographical features, including the Rocky Mountains, grasslands, vast forests, ranches, and beaches. This geographically diverse province has a wide range of climatic conditions.

#### History

British Columbia was the last province to be settled by the Europeans. A British Captain, James Cook, landed on the western shores of Vancouver in 1778. Other explorers soon followed, including George Vancouver, Alexander Mackenzie, David Thompson and Simon Fraser. British and American settlers arrived next. A much larger influx of people arrived when gold was discovered in the mid 1800's along the Fraser River.



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## Industry

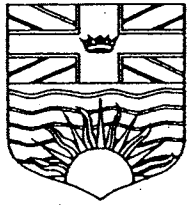
Despite the mountainous terrain, British Columbia still has some important farming areas, especially along the Fraser Delta. Fruit, milk and cattle ranching are the main products from these. Although, only about 3% of British Columbia has suitable agricultural land, more than 5% of Canada's total agricultural output is from this province.

Manufacturing in British Columbia is dominated by the forest industry. The huge amount of forested areas with giant red cedars and Douglas firs produce lumber, pulp, paper and plywood for all of Canada as well as much of the United States and other parts of the world. 63% of Canada's lumber and most of its plywood is from British Columbia. Other important industries are fish-processing, mineral refineries, petroleum and tourism.

## People

British Columbia has the third largest population among the provinces in Canada. Presently, about half of the more than 3 million people living there are of British descent. About seven percent of the population are of Asian descent. Vancouver has the largest Chinese community in Canada - and it is growing. About 85 000 Native Americans live on reserves scattered about the province.













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## Student Tracking Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

When you have completed an activity, record the card number in the correct box.

	Reading Information Cards
	Reading Activity Cards
	Word Study Cards
	Creative Writing Cards
	Phonics Cards
	Map Reading Cards
	Art Cards
	Research Cards