

Name _____

Canadian Holiday Origins Answer Key

Note: Answers will vary, but strong responses should include the following ideas.

1. Canada Day is important because it celebrates national pride and brings communities together.
2. It recognizes the confederation of Canada in 1867 and helps Canadians remember the start of their nation.
3. The Quebec Winter Carnival began as a way to bring joy to communities during long winters and gave people something to celebrate.
4. Students may mention ice palaces, snow sculptures, or traditional foods and explain their reasons.
5. Canada Day is shaped by the country's history, while the Winter Carnival is shaped by Quebec's cold climate and long winters.
6. Cultural traditions help people honor their history, strengthen identity, and build community.

Teacher's Guide

- Encourage students to underline **origin words** such as began, history, celebrate, or confederation.
- Invite students to discuss the two traditions before writing their responses.

Differentiation Tips

- For Grades 4 to 6:
 - Provide a vocabulary mini list for words like confederation, tradition, and festival.
 - Allow students to discuss answers with a partner before writing.
- For Grades 7 to 9:
 - Encourage students to include one historical detail in each response.
 - Ask students to compare these traditions with a holiday from another culture.
- For Grades 10 to 12:
 - Require more developed responses using examples, reasoning, and connections to cultural identity.
 - Add a challenge question about how traditions change over time.