



Cross-Cultural Communication

Vancouver Cultural Festivals



Canada is made up of people from every country in the world. The official policy of the Canadian government is to consider Canada as a cultural mosaic, where people become Canadians but are free to retain their first culture. To help new Canadians to do this, many groups have cultural festivals.



Work with your group to list the cultural festivals that you know about. What do you already know these festivals?

What do you need to know? Please do your research using English websites.

- Which ethnic or cultural groups are represented? Are any groups missing?
- When are the festivals?
- Where are the festivals?
- What things are presented at the festivals?
- How many people participated in the festivals?
- What did the organizers want to accomplish?



Once you have gathered enough information, go out on campus and/or talk to your host families and friends. Write down 3 or questions that you want to ask.

- Which festivals have people been to?
- Which festivals are the most popular?
- What did the visitors to the events hope to learn or do?
- How important is it that Canada's many ethnic groups share their cultures?
 - How important is it that they retain their cultures?
- Should the government support these festivals financially?

