



Leading the Way Student Worksheet 1

Who discovered and explored the land we now call Canada? Was it the Native people who were living here or the Europeans who came over the ocean in search of adventure and riches?

The National Library of Canada's *Passageways: True Tales of Adventure for Young Explorers* website gives the answers to these questions. The activity below will show you how to get around on the website and introduce you to the exciting and dangerous world of exploration!

Follow the instructions below and answer questions 1 to 15 in your books or on a piece of paper. Remember to write full and proper sentences!

A. Go to the **"Introduction"** page.

Click on **"Land Bridge to the New World -- Prehistory"**.

1. Why was the sea level lower 15 000 years ago?

B. Go back to the **"Introduction"** page.

Click on **"Crossing the Atlantic -- 11th Century"**.

2. The Norse were the first Europeans known to have crossed the Atlantic Ocean and live in North America. How many years would it be before another European would sail to North America?

C. Go back to the **"Introduction"** page.

Click on **"The "New" Continent -- 16th Century"**.

3. What did explorers hope to find when they first crossed the Atlantic Ocean?

Click on **"Frobisher"**.

4. What was Frobisher most famous for in his time?

D. Go back to the **"Introduction"** page.

Click on **"Expanding in All Directions -- 17th Century"**.

5. What did explorers do when they realized that there was a continent between Europe and Asia?

Click on **"Champlain"**.

6. How many voyages did Champlain make to New France?



E. Go back to the “**Introduction**” page.

Click on “**Exploring Westward -- 18th Century**”.

7. Where were some of the areas Europeans had colonies or trading posts?

Click on “**Kelsey**”.

8. What is Henry Kelsey credited with?

F. Go back to the “**Introduction**” page.

Click on “**Mapping The Northwest -- 18th Century**”.

9. What were two reasons explorers kept pushing inland?

Click on “**Fraser**”.

10. What is Simon Fraser mainly remembered for?

G. Go back to the “**Introduction**” page.

Click on “**The Pacific Coast -- 18th Century**”.

11. What were some of the explorers of Canada’s west coast hoping to find?

Click on “**Cook**”.

12. Name some areas that Cook mapped.

H. There are some words used throughout the website that may be hard to understand. The meaning of these words can be found in the glossary. **Go to the glossary now and answer the following questions:**

13. What is the **Northwest Passage**?

14. What is the **Hudson’s Bay Company** and what did it mainly trade in the past?

15. What was **New France**?

Total marks: /15