



Grade 2

Social Studies



Changing Family and Community Traditions

Different families and cultures have their own traditions and celebrations, with different traditional foods. Some of these traditions have lasted through the years but some have changed.

Celebrations

Hanukkah (Jewish)

Powwow (Indigenous)

Lunar New Year (Chinese)

Kwanzaa (African)

Eid ul-Fitr (Muslim)

Diwali (Indian)

Canada Day (Canadian)

Thanksgiving (Canadian)

Hanukkah

- It is also called the Festival of Lights.
- It lasts for eight days in November or December.
- Food includes latkes and sufganiyot.
- Families light candles in a menorah.
- Some people today prefer electric lights to candles for their menorahs.



Thanksgiving

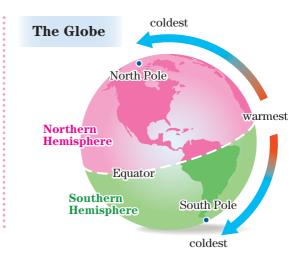
- Martin Frobisher gave thanks for his safe arrival in Canada by holding a special Thanksgiving ceremony (but without turkeys).
- Samuel de Champlain celebrated Thanksgiving for a good harvest with a feast (but did not necessarily have turkeys).
- Today, we celebrate
 Thanksgiving with a feast
 of turkey and cranberry or
 pumpkin pies.



Global Communities

There are seven continents on Earth. Different places in the world have their own characteristics. However, people living in different places all have the same basic needs, and they meet these needs differently depending on where they live.

The Seven Continents North America South America Europe Asia Africa Australia Antarctica



Meeting Basic Needs around the World

Shelter

- apartments
- houses
- igloos
- adobe houses
- cob houses e.g. Britain



Transportation

- buses
- small boats/ferries
- scooters
- mules
- walking
- subway e.g. France



Food

- from grocery stores
- from restaurants
- by hunting
- by fishing e.g. The Arctic

