

# Our Roots, our Future: Experiencing Canada's National Historic Sites

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## A. TASK

- Choose a National Historic site in Canada.
- By researching questions A – C below, answer this guiding question:

### **Why is (your choice) a National Historic Site of Canada?**

- A. Historical background of the site (include relevant, interesting facts that answer these questions or others):
- i. What is it?
  - ii. Who was involved?
  - iii. What happened there?
  - iv. Why was it established?
  - v. Where is it?
  - vi. When was it established?
- B. Why has it been designated as a **National Historic Site**?
- i. How does it meet the criteria of a National Historic Site (**see link**)?
  - ii. What efforts have been made to preserve or renew the site for the public?
  - iii. How does the existence of this site benefit the Canadian public?
- C. What kinds of things would be of interest to you if you visited this site?

## B. PROCESS:

- a. Research.
- b. Gather information and take notes. Ask for note sheets if you want.
- c. Keep track of your sources to make a **formatted bibliography**.
- d. Organize & present your information in Prezi or PowerPoint.

## C. PRODUCT:

- **Prezi** or **PowerPoint** presentation\*. Include:
  - i. Information that effectively answers your research questions *in your own words* or quoted - not just cut & pasted.
  - ii. Pictures, video, graphics or sound files
  - iii. A title slide with the name of the site, your name, date & block
  - iv. A bibliography of at least 3 sources (printed & submitted)

*\*Alternate non-digital formats may be acceptable – talk to your teacher.*

D. **EVALUATION:**

- Daily mark based your effective use of library research time.
- Evaluation of your Prezi /PowerPoint: content & presentation format (**see rubric**)

**RESOURCES:**

**National Historic Sites can be found at:**

[http://www.pc.gc.ca/progs/lhn-nhs/index\\_E.asp](http://www.pc.gc.ca/progs/lhn-nhs/index_E.asp)

**Links to other recommended sources are posted on the library website:**

[www.mountainlibrary.weebly.com](http://www.mountainlibrary.weebly.com)

- Be sure to look at the **databases** or search for **books** from the homepage.
- Check for relevant **website links** under **Pathfinders** (you may use *Wikipedia* to see a list of historic sites only, not for your notes)
- Find the e-notes under the **Research Help** tab and this assignment & rubric under the **Assignments** tab.

**Checklist:**

Have you selected a site and had it approved by the teacher?	
Have you selected Prezi or PowerPoint or talked to the teacher about another presentation format?	
Does the information in your presentation answer all the questions A – C listed above?	
Is the information written in your own words in easy-to-read, well-crafted sentences?	
Have you kept track of all your sources and created a bibliography, using an accepted format. See teacher-librarian.	
Have you included interesting, relevant information, pictures, sound files & links to videos in your presentation?	
Have you printed and submitted your bibliography?	