

Island means "water-land." Write a sentence about an island. A piece of water is ringed round with land; give it a name. How does a lake differ from a pond? How does the water of the sea differ from the water of the lakes? Write a sentence about an iceberg, and another about fields of ice. What is the length of the Atlantic from north to south? At what times of the day is your shadow longest? Where do the singing birds of Canada go in the autumn? When they return in the spring, which way do they fly? What is a harbor? Draw out on paper the shape of North and South America? Draw the picture of the Atlantic without looking at the map. Which continent reaches farther south, Africa or South America? Which is the larger, the Atlantic or the continent of America? Where is the Atlantic widest? Write a sentence about the narrowest places. Name the empire to which we belong. What is its centre? What language is used in Australia? In what direction is that island from Great Britain? Which is the largest, which is the smallest—Europe, Asia, or Africa? Answer in one sentence. Which reaches farthest north, which farthest south—Europe, Asia or Africa? Answer in one sentence. Draw two maps as large as your paper will allow, one of South America, one of Africa. On each of these maps draw two straight lines: first, the longest that can be drawn from north to south; second, the longest from east to west. • What is the direction of the longest straight line that can be drawn on the western continent? Of the longest straight line on the eastern continent?

6. Our Interest in the Eastern Continent.

We are now on the Eastern Continent with the wide Atlantic behind us and our native land far beyond the sea. There are very many interesting things for Canadians to learn about this greater continent. Our Canadian merchants do a large amount of business on this side of the ocean; and every year many of them take ship and cross over to Europe and Asia, and some to Africa, to buy the things they want for their customers, such as currants, raisins, silk and fine woollen cloth. From Asia they get rice, fine coffee, pepper, cinnamon, cloves and other spices, besides a good deal of the tin we use in making all kinds of tinware. From the eastern part of Asia come our best tea, rice paper, and many articles made of bamboo cane. From Africa we receive cotton, ivory, diamonds for our mining drills, ostrich feathers, and many other useful things that are not found in Canada. Have you any idea how we manage to pay for all these expensive articles that we buy from the peoples or nations of the eastern part of the world? This is how it is done. We send them in return many ship loads of valuable lumber, immense quantities of wheat, oats, flour, oatmeal, beef, cheese, butter and dried fish, and some silver, gold, copper and nickel, so that we can easily pay for all we get.

But by far the most interesting thing about the Eastern Continent is the fact that it is the home of the white race, also called Caucasian, to which we belong. It was the scene of most of the events in the history of the people from whom we are descended. Our parents, grandparents, or great grandparents—all our ancestors—came from the western parts of Europe and that is the old home of all the white people in America. You will read in your Canadian history that our people have been in America only a little over 300 years; and that all the British, French, German and Spanish people that have by hard work turned the vast forests and the great fertile plains of America into happy homes, and have built all the cities, canals, railways, mills, factories, churches and schools, came from the west side of this continent on which we have landed. In North America the British race, and a few people of French, German and Spanish origin, govern the continent. In South America most of the white people are of Spanish origin.



The Landing of Columbus.

Before the year 1492, all the white people in the world lived on this eastern side of the Atlantic, chiefly in Europe, with some in Asia and a few in the north of Africa. But in that year Columbus sailed from Spain and discovered North America. Soon after, the English, French and Spanish sent out ships and gradually occupied the whole of North America. Read all about this in your Canadian history and observe how the white race has slowly come into possession of all America, which Columbus found inhabited by tribes of Indians, most of whom were savages and only a few of whom had any knowledge of the arts of civilized life. Find out all