

Unit 6

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Reader's Notebook

Celebrations and Ceremonies

During Reading

1. Add information to the following chart about each of the celebrations and ceremonies described in **Celebrations and Ceremonies**.

Celebration or ceremony	Why they have it	What they do	Other information
Canada Day	Canada's birthday.	Parades, music, dancing, BBQs, fireworks.	July 1, 1867, Canada was formed; NS, NB, QC, and ON were first provinces.
Remembrance Day	Honour men and women who fought in wars and were peacekeepers.	Special ceremonies; veterans' march; Bugler play "Last Post"; Minute of silence; Bugler plays "Reveille".	November 11; Canadians wear poppies; Poppies grew in the fields of France and Belgium.
National Aboriginal Day	Aboriginal peoples celebrate their cultures.	Family and friends; dancing, song, other celebrations; sports and recreation.	June 21; important day for Aboriginals; first day of summer and longest day of year.
Black History Month	Honour achievements and contributions of African Canadians.	Mathieu Da Costa Challenge – creative writing and art contest.	During February; Mathieu Da Costa was first recorded person of African heritage to come to Canada.
Dragon Boat Races	Chinese tradition after New Year.	Race boats; food and entertainment; fundraising for charities.	Yearly event; Legend of Mei Lo jumping into the river to protest; people tried to save him but were too late.

After Reading

1. Why are celebrations and ceremonies important?

Give people a reason to get together and celebrate their culture, heritage, etc.