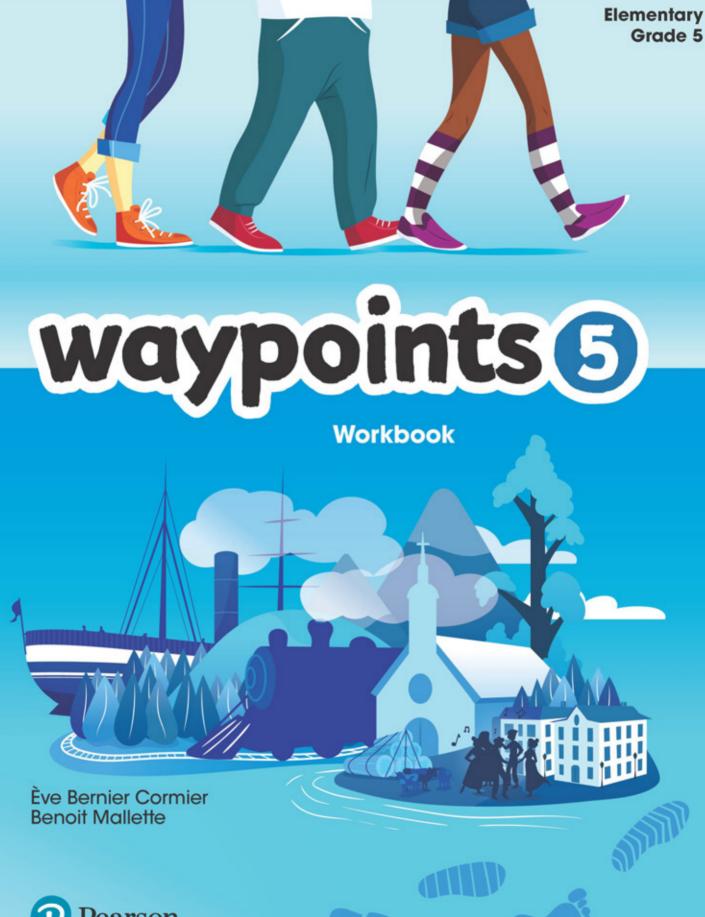
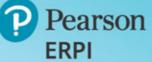
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# Life in Canada around 1820

# **Unit 9 The Territory**

### **Three Physiographic Regions**

The territories of Upper and Lower Canada fell within three **physiographic regions**: the St. Lawrence Lowlands, the Appalachian Mountains and the Canadian Shield. Natural resources, such as wood, minerals and soil, varied from one physiographic region to another.



#### physiographic region:

natural region determined by its relief (mountains, valleys, plateaus, hills and plains)



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#### The St. Lawrence Lowlands

The St. Lawrence Lowlands lie in the southern part of the historic territory of Upper and Lower Canada, between the Canadian Shield and the Appalachian Mountains. They include the shores of the St. Lawrence River and the valley around the Great Lakes.

The lowlands are a plain, with fertile soil. For this reason, the best farmland in the three physiographic regions lies in the lowlands. A few hills, called the Collines Montérégiennes, stand out from the plain in the area around Montréal. The vegetation in the lowlands consists mostly of mixed forest.

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| Relief     | ••   |
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| Soil       | soil |
| Vegetation |      |

**Mixed forest.** It is made up of both conifers and deciduous trees, such as maples, which lose their leaves in the fall.



## **The Appalachian Mountains**

The Appalachians form a long chain of mountains in the southeastern part of the territory that was once Lower Canada. They are ancient mountains. Their summits were rounded by the movement of glaciers. Between the mountains lie valleys with fertile soil.

As in the St. Lawrence Lowlands, the vegetation in the Appalachians consists mostly of mixed forest. Boreal forest, made up mostly of conifers, can also be found on mountaintops.

**Complete** the table with the terms framed in blue from the text above.

| Relief     | • Mountain chain | • |                      |
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| Soil       |                  |   | _soil in the valleys |
| Vegetation | •                | • |                      |

**Boreal forest.** It is made up of deciduous trees and especially conifers, such as pines, which have needle-like leaves that almost never fall.



## The Canadian Shield

The Canadian Shield. It

4 billion years old.

Most of the land that belonged to Upper and Lower Canada is on the Canadian Shield. It is a rocky plateau where the soil is not very fertile, except in certain valleys. However, there are many lakes and rivers, and rich deposits of minerals, such as iron and copper, lie underground.

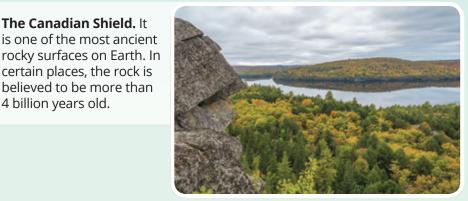
The Canadian Shield is covered in vast forests: mixed forest) in the south and (boreal forest) in the centre. These two types of forest are good for logging. Farther north, the trees become sparse as the forest gives way to the mixed zone of (forest tundra).

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| Relief     |        |   |
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| Soil       |        | soil  |
| Vegetation | •<br>• | in the south<br>in the centre<br>in the north |

Lichen. It is a plant resulting from the combination of a fungus with algae. It grows on poor soil and is found all over the northern part of the Shield.





a) Which physiographic region had the largest population around 1820? Why?

**b)** Which river runs across this physiographic region?

c) How was the river an asset for agriculture and transportation?

**a) Name** the regions represented by the photos.**b) Choose** the correct terms to describe each region.

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| Location in Québec: in the southeast in the north<br>Farming: possible in the valleys impossible<br>Regional features: forests lakes rivers<br>sandy deserts rocks<br>Trees: deciduous trees conifers<br>Vegetation: sparse in the north rich                          |   |
| Location in Québec: in the south in the southeast<br>Farming: possible impossible<br>Regional features: most populated least populated<br>Trees: deciduous trees conifers<br>Large bodies of water: St. Lawrence River<br>Hudson Bay                                   |   |
|  |   |
| Location in Québec: in the north in the southeast<br>Farming: possible in certain valleys<br>impossible<br>Regional features: forests young hills<br>ancient mountains<br>Trees: deciduous trees conifers<br>Region that was part of Upper Canada<br>Lower Canada only |   |

# **Unit 10 The Population**

### The Population of Lower Canada

Around 1820, the number of people of European origin in Lower Canada was about 420 000. Most of them—about 85 percent—spoke French. The population grew constantly because the people had large families, often with more than 10 children.

At the time, most of the French speakers lived in the country, in seigneuries along the St. Lawrence River. They were almost all Catholics. From 1840 on, members of this French-speaking population were called *French Canadians*.



A French Canadian family in the 19th century

In 1820, English speakers made up about 15 percent of the population of Lower Canada. Later, they would be called *English Canadians*. Most of these colonists came from the British Isles: they were English, Scottish and Irish. Their numbers rose because of **immigration**.

Philippe Aubert de Gaspé Les anciens Canadiens



#### Philippe Aubert de Gaspé (1786–1871)

Known primarily as the author of the novel above, he was the fifth and last seigneur of Saint-Jean-Port-Joli, a seigneury on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River, where he lived with his wife and their 13 children.

**immigration:** leaving one's home country to live in another one

**Choose** the correct endings for the sentence. (There may be more than one correct answer.) **French Canadians in Lower Canada** ...

| lived in seigneuries. | formed the majority of the population |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| lived in towns.       | because they had large families.      |
| lived in the country. | were in the minority because of the   |
|                       | number of Loyalists.                  |

The economic situation in Europe was difficult, so many people left their homes in the hope of finding a better life in a new land. Other English immigrants in Lower Canada were of American origin, for example, the Loyalists and their descendants.

Most English colonists were Protestants. They generally lived in the present-day region of Estrie.

Others lived in the two largest towns in Lower Canada: Montréal and Québec. In 1820, these towns each had a population of about 20 000.



A Québec street in the 19th century

**Choose** the correct endings for the sentence. (There may be more than one correct answer.) **The people who immigrated to Lower Canada around 1820** ...

| came from the<br>United States. |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| spoke French.                   |  |

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came from England,

Scotland and Ireland.

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## The Population of Upper Canada

The population of Upper Canada was less diverse than in Lower Canada. It consisted almost entirely of English-speaking Protestants. Many of these people were Loyalists who came to the colony after 1776, when the United States became an independent country.

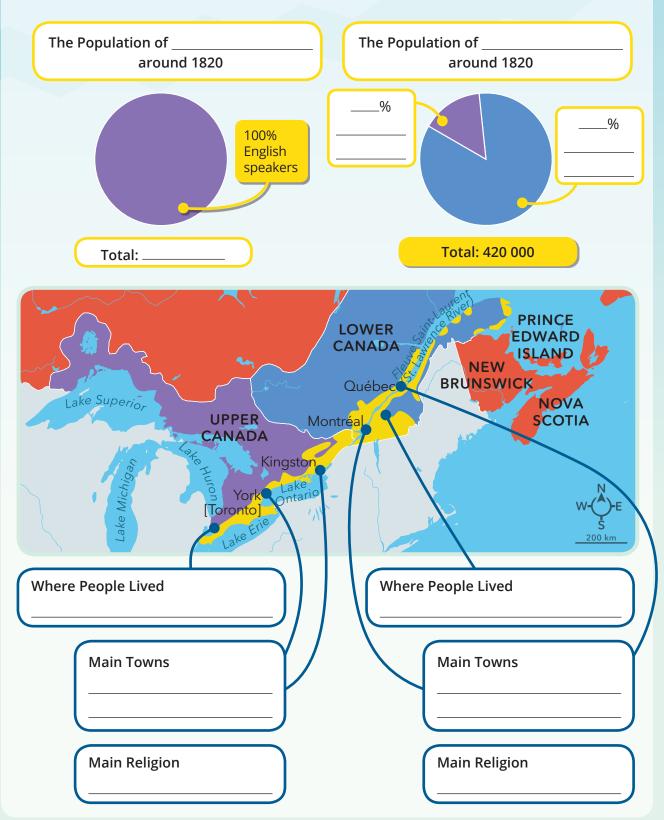
Colonists in Upper Canada settled mostly in the Great Lakes region, where the land was fertile. Around 1820, the English-



came from France.

Immigration from Europe increased.

speaking population of Upper Canada was about 150 000. This number rose rapidly, mostly because of immigration from Great Britain. By 1840, the population had grown to more than 400 000. In only 20 years, it had more than doubled. Illustrate the population situations in Upper and Lower Canada around 1820. **Complete** the labels of the diagrams and the map.



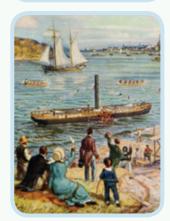
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# **CHAPTER 2 Review Life in Canada around 1820**









**The Territory** Three physiographic regions were represented in the territories of Upper and Lower Canada: the St. Lawrence Lowlands, the Appalachian Mountains and the Canadian Shield.

**The Population** Lower Canada had a population of 420 000, mostly Catholic French Canadians. Upper Canada had a population of 150 000, mostly Protestant English speakers.

**Religion** Catholicism played an important role in the lives of French Canadians.

Town Life Montréal and Québec were the largest towns in Lower Canada. Kingston and York (Toronto) were the largest towns in Upper Canada.

**Country Life** People lived mostly in the country. Families shared the farm work and the household chores.

Agriculture Agriculture was the main economic activity. Wheat production was increasing in Upper Canada. In Lower Canada, farmers began to grow a larger variety of crops and raised more livestock.

**Life in the Logging Camps** Men and boys went to work in logging camps during the winter.

**Culture, Recreation and Sports** French Canadians had kitchen parties to entertain themselves. Newspapers had been in circulation for more than 50 years. Wealthy townspeople played sports.

**Food and Clothing** Bread was a staple. Farm animals provided milk, butter, cheese and eggs. People ate little meat. Clothing differed between wealthy townspeople and country folk.

**Trade and Industry** The timber trade was the second most important economic activity. The industrial sector was scarcely developed.

Waterways and Roads Canals were built between Upper Canada and Lower Canada. Roads were rare or in poor condition. In winter, people crossed "ice bridges."

**Means of Transportation** Boats were the most widely used means of transportation. Steamboats appeared. Horse-drawn carriages were used for land transport.

**The Government** The government was organized as a parliamentary system. The population was unhappy because the governor had too much power.