

Lesson 1101: Summer Mardi Gras: Caribbean Carnival In Toronto

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Learning Objective	Discussion Prompts	Lesson Activities	Vocabulary
Students will learn about the Caribbean carnival held each year in Toronto, Canada.	<p>Why did the Mennonites move to the Toronto area? Discuss their work, traditions, and beliefs. Why do you think people migrate to other regions?</p> <p>What is the history of steel bands and where did they originate? How does a steel band foster youth leadership? Explain the connection.</p>	<p>Research the Caribbean Carnival celebrated by people from Jamaica, Trinidad, and Tobago. Write an advertisement to promote the carnival that captures its mood, vision, and excitement. Add visuals and color. Be sure to include the music, dance, and costumes and what these symbolize for the revelers.</p> <p>You work at the St. Lawrence Market and a food critic is coming to visit. Write down the sample meal you will serve and instructions for the waitstaff. Add any final touches to help your guest understand the cultural significance of the market.</p>	<p>bustles</p> <p>emblem</p> <p>expatriates</p> <p>emigrated</p> <p>harbor</p>
Social Studies Standard	The host discusses how graffiti is an art form and compares one of the murals to Michelangelo's work. What evidence is there that supports the graffiti shared in this video is an art form? Do you agree or disagree?		Mennonite
Culture: B, C	<p>Why do you think they selected August as the month to hold the carnival? What changes would they have to make if they changed the date of the carnival to December?</p>	<p>Ontario has over 200,000 lakes while the host's home state only has 2 lakes. Create a Venn diagram or T-chart to compare the climate, weather, and lifestyle of each place.</p> <p>You have been asked to make a quilt for the Mennonites that includes aspects of their traditions, lifestyle, and beliefs. Create 3-4 squares inspired by the video and summarize why each design was chosen and what it represents.</p>	<p>metropolis</p> <p>parochial</p> <p>renowned</p> <p>revelers</p>

In August, Toronto explodes with celebration as Carnival festivities begin, delayed for months by the wintry blasts of the north.