



Historical Significance Questions Samples

1. Hierarchies

First Peoples artifacts:

Select 10 most important artifacts in order and justify why they are the most significant to the First Peoples in that area. Select one artifact from one cultural area and share why it had the most impact on their First People.

2. Precis:

Exploration: Motivations and Dangers

Use pictures or words to explain the motivations and dangers at the time of exploration. Analyze and discuss why the students chose to draw or write those dangers and motivations. Did they have deep consequences for many explorers over time?

3. Why something is important:

Why was Henry Hudson and his voyage a historically significant event? What did it lead to? Did something great come out of his “failed” exploration? How did his voyage have deep consequences for many people, over a long period of time?

4. Isolation:

The fur trade led to many new things in the growth and development of Canada. What events/ activities did it lead to, and does it still have an impact on life in Canada today?

5. Counter -possibilities:

Had circumstances been different, and the Americans had won control over Canada, what would Canada look like today? How would things be different? Would it have long lasting consequences on the life we have in Canada?

6. Comparisons:

Which do you think was more historically significant in the growth of Canada? Giovanni Caboto's arrival at his New Found Land or Jacques Cartier's arrival in Stadacona? Clarify and illustrate why you have made that decision.