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Farley Mowat

Activity One



Farley Mowat is the author of *Owls in the Family* and over 40 other books as well.

What other book have you read written by Farley Mowat?

Which book would interest you more? A book about wild animals (non-fiction) or a story about children and their animals?

Was your choice made because you prefer information filled books or stories?

If your dream is to become a writer, what questions would you ask Farley Mowat about his writing career?

What type of tips would you expect to hear?

Because Farley Mowat writes his books about animals and protecting the planet, what type of training helps him write his articles?

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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Activity Two

Have you ever visited Saskatoon, Saskatchewan? If so, when?

How did the city get the name Saskatoon? When was it founded?

What tourist attractions are there in Saskatoon?

What type of seasons do they have? Are they similar to those in your town/city?

What major industries are available in Saskatchewan?

In what Canadian geographical region does Saskatchewan belong in?

List five interesting facts about Saskatoon or Saskatchewan.

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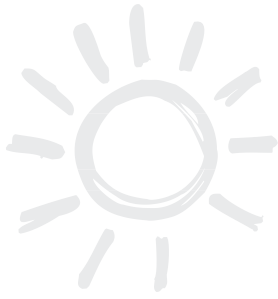
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One day when you grow older, what are you looking forward to visiting in Saskatchewan?

Explain your answer.

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My Pet and the Owl

Activity Three



Billy owns both owls Wol and Weeps. After reading the book, would you like to have an owl for a pet? Why or why not?

What types of different owls are there?

What do owls do that is so special? Are there any owls in your region? Which?

What similarities and differences are there between owls and birds?

SIMILARITIES	DIFFERENCES

Based on your findings, which pet is better for you?

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T. Eaton Department Stores

Activity Four



Who is T. Eaton?

Where is he from?

Why is he such an important figure in Canadian history?

Why did he specialize in department stores?

What stores in your area can be compared to Eaton? Why?

Find the logo, copy it below in the first box. On the second box, create your own logo if you were to have a department store named after you.

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Bailey Brothers Circus Activity Five

The boys in *Owls and the Family* were inspired by the Bailey Brothers Circus to create their cages.

What do you know about the Bailey Brothers Circus?

Have you ever seen a live circus?

Read up on different types of circuses and different points of view. Some people are favorable to circuses and others are not. List the information below.

Pros (good points about the circus)	Cons (bad points about the circus)

After doing your mini-research, are you favorable to circuses or not? Why or why not?

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Camping Trips

Activity Six

Billy, his parents and Bruce go on a caravan camping trip during the summer. They bring the owls on their trip as well as the dogs and their canoe.

Where, when and how was your last camping trip?

What are your top three destinations for your next camping trip?

What special events or memories do you have about your best camping trip?

Ask 3 girls in your class what their favorite camping trip memory was and write them below:

Now ask 3 boys in your class what their favorite camping trip memory was and write them below:

What do the girls and boys have in common?

What are their differences?
