

WE ARE CONNECTED!

Activity Program Booklet

Grade 2 - 3

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Introduction:

In this activity booklet you will be learning about the history of Port Coquitlam, your identity and our community's diversity!

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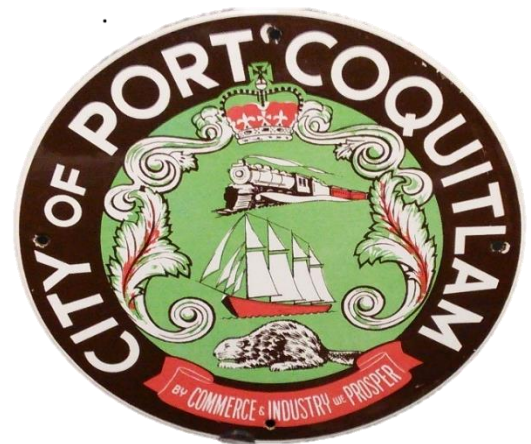
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- Pencil and Eraser
- Colouring Pencils

Port Coquitlam “Coat of Arms”

This object is the City of Port Coquitlam's “COAT OF ARMS” from 1913.

What is a “Coat of Arms”?

A “Coat of Arms” is a type of shield with different symbols that represent a city, family, or an organization's identity.



In this “Coat of Arms” there are 4 different symbols. There is a **CROWN**, **TRAIN**, **BOAT**, and a **BEAVER**.

Why were these symbols chosen to represent Port Coquitlam in 1913?



1. **CROWN:** The crown symbolizes the Queen of England and Canada's connection to Britain. Although Canada is separate from Britain we still are connected to the country. *Have you ever noticed that the Queen of England is on our money!*

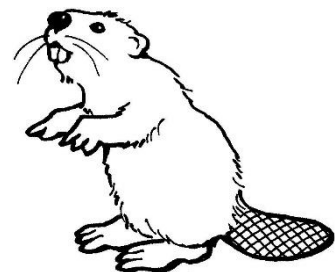


2. **TRAIN:** The train represents the Canadian Pacific Railway. The train came to British Columbia in 1885. One of the train lines was built going through Coquitlam and a train station called *Westminster Junction Station* was built in the area. The community that grew around the station eventually became the City of Port Coquitlam.

3. **SHIP:** The ship represents the journey to Canada by early settlers. All of us are immigrants to Canada, meaning either us or our parents, or grandparents, or great-great parents came to this country. Many of the reasons why people came to this country in the past are still the same reasons why people come here today, for a better future!



4. **BEAVER:** The North American Beaver is Canada's national animal. The beaver brought early settlers to Canada. The fur trade began in the early 1800s because of the huge demand for felt hats in Europe made from beaver pelt. European fur traders travelled to what is now Canada where they exchanged European goods with Indigenous People in exchange for beaver pelts.



What is a Symbol?

A symbol is a thing or object that represents something. For example, **water could be a symbol for an activity like swimming.**

A symbol can represent your **IDENTITY!**



What is Identity? Identity is WHO YOU ARE.

Let's say somebody asked you what you like to do and you say "I like to play soccer, I like to paint, I like to dance and I like to read".

Then, someone asks you "who are you"?

You would say "I am a soccer player, I am an artist, I am a dancer and I am a reader".

These things **TOGETHER** (soccer player, artist, dancer, and reader) make up **WHO YOU ARE** and is a part of **YOUR IDENTITY.**

What are some things in your life that make up who you are and your identity?

Read each square and put an X in the squares that are true for you and that you have done!

I was born in Canada	I have a cat	I have blond hair	I have a sister	I do not eat meat
I have brown eyes	I speak more than 1 language	I live in Port Coquitlam	I was born outside of Canada	I have been on a boat
I have travelled to another country	I have eaten salmon	EXAMPLE	I live with my grandparents	I like to eat eggs for breakfast
I have been skiing	I have a brother	I have been fishing	I have my ears pierced	I have a dog
I have been to a farm	I have a big family	I have lived in more than 2 countries	I have swum in the ocean	I have seen a bear

What are 4 symbols that you would choose to represent your identity?

(Think about the things that you like to do)

SYMBOL # 1: _____

I chose this symbol to represent me because

SYMBOL # 2: _____

I chose this symbol to represent me because

SYMBOL # 3: _____

I chose this symbol to represent me because

SYMBOL # 4: _____

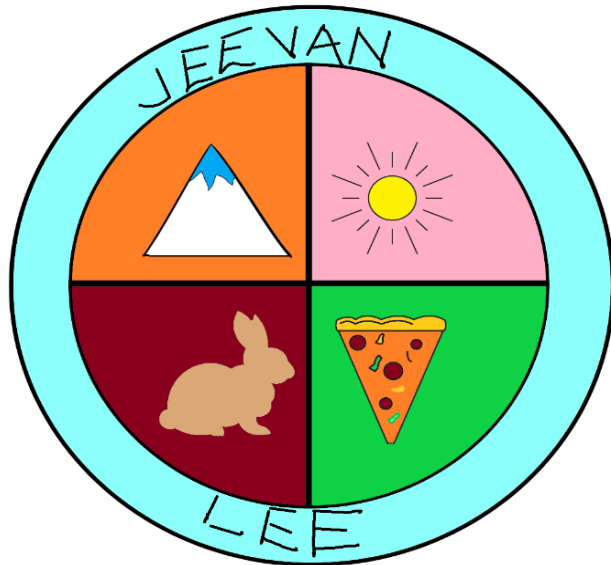
I chose this symbol to represent me because

MY IDENTITY ACTIVITY!

In this activity you will be creating your very own “Coat of Arms” that represents your identity.

Instructions:

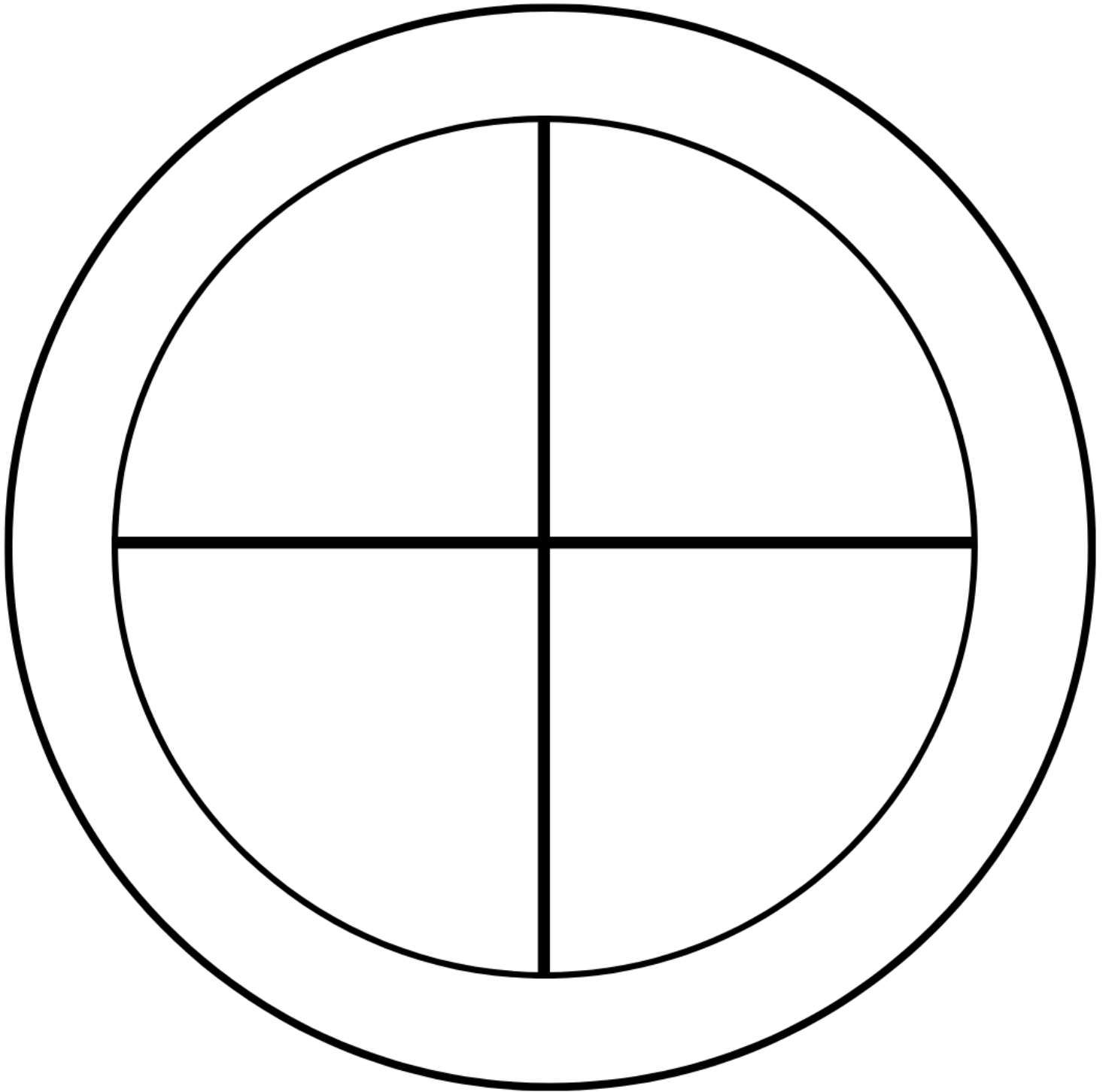
Draw in of the 4 sections in your “Coat of Arms” the 4 symbols that you chose to represent your identity. *Write your name in the outside circle.*



Example:

In this student’s “Coat of Arms” they drew a MOUNTAIN because they like to hike. They drew a SUN because they like summer. They drew a PIZZA because it is their favourite food and they drew a RABBIT because that is their favourite animal.

MY "COAT OF ARMS"!



Do you think that some of the symbols that you chose to represent your identity are the SAME as your classmates?

YES! It is possible that you and your classmates chose the same symbols.

Why? There are parts of your life that are common to your classmates. Like where you live, what activities you do and where you were born. These similarities between each of you can be a part of your identity.



Do you think some of the symbols you chose are DIFFERENT from your classmates?

YES! BUT WHY?

While we share similarities with others, we are also a community of **DIVERSE** people. Our **DIVERSITY** makes us different from each other.

What is Diversity? Diversity is the unique things that make us different from each other.

Examples of Diversity:

■ **LANGUAGES!** People speak different languages like Spanish, Punjabi, English and Arabic.

Name 3 other languages:

_____, _____, _____

■ **CULTURES!** People belong to different cultures like Persian, Coast Salish First Nations and Irish.

Name 3 other cultures:

_____, _____, _____

■ **TRADITIONS!** People celebrate different traditions like Hanukkah, Diwali, Easter and Chinese New Year.

Name 3 other traditions:

_____, _____, _____

Think about the things that you can learn from other people and their diversity. How can learning new things help us and make our community better?

Write your thoughts!

