

School lore competition for Estonians in Canada

Please answer the questions below using the on-line questionnaire at <https://www.kirmus.ee/en/KPkanada> or submit your answers as a separate file to kp@folklore.ee. Remember to include your personal information which will remain confidential. Personal information will not be included in the analysis of answers received, and only the age and gender of those whose responses are published will be listed. When answering concentrate on those themes that interest you most, or what you know most about.

We are also eager to have responses from adults who wish to reflect back on their schooldays when they were young. Please include the location of the school you attended. If you attended a number of schools you are welcome to share memories about all of them if you wish.

Name:

School:

Grade:

Gender:

Year of Birth:

Address:

E-mail:

How did Canada become your homeland; how long have you lived here; how are you connected to other Estonians in Canada? How often do you visit Estonia?

Describe a favourite memory or interesting story related to Estonia.

1. JOKES AND ANECDOTES

- A. Write down anecdotes, humorous or funny things that happened whether they turned out well or not
- B. Record jokes, brainteasers or questions and answers to riddles.
- C. What kind of witty and funny sayings do you use when talking/texting with your friends (from ads, movies, public figures proverbs, etc)
- D. Draw some braintwisters together with answers. Include your favourite memes and comics/funnies
- E. Among your friends what kind of pranks or practical jokes do you play on boy class or schoolmates, girl class or schoolmates, teachers, strangers (for example: April Fools jokes).
- F. Where do you get your jokes from (where do you hear, read or see them)?
- G. Do you write down jokes and funny things in a notebook, on the Net, in a blog, forum or in your e-mails? How often?
- H. If you have anything else you'd like to tell us about jokes and humour please write it here.

2. FEARS, BELIEFS, PREDICTIONS

- A. What has scared you; who or what are you afraid of (something imaginary, a film character or one from a book, a situation)?
- B. What dreams have you had that you remember most? What dreams have your friends told you about? How have you figured out what a dream might mean? What have you heard about dreams that come true?
- C. Write a horror story (or an odd happening) about ghosts, ruins, haunted houses. What have you heard about UFO's, vampires, etc.
- D. Tell us about rumours, odd happenings, gossip, talk about town (for example about sicknesses, child abductions, the end of the world, people or things out to get you, things put in foods, etc.) that you have heard about.
- E. What kind of ways do you know how to predict something, or to call up spirits? If you like, write from your own experiences
- F. What kind of predictions lead to good outcomes, and which to bad?
- G. Have adults frightened you with something so that you will behave? What did they tell you?
- H. How do you protect yourself from bad things? Do you call on or are familiar with angels or other spirits to protect you, or do you have an amulet or charm, or have a mantra or saying to keep bad things away?
- I. If you would like to say more about fears, beliefs, predictions write it here.

3. IMPORTANT DATES AND CELEBRATIONS

You can answer this topic briefly or write a longer story about one or more specific important dates or celebrations. Send to kp@folklore.ee
We ask that you write about important dates/celebrations connected to school or from your personal life. If possible include photos describing what they are about.

- A. How have special dates been celebrated at school (eg. Halloween, Mother's Day, sports or academic awards nights). What kind of celebrations/special events do you like to go to at school?
- B. Tell us about some school related traditions (eg. first day at school, school uniforms, teachers' day, graduation)
- C. Describe unique events at school such as talent shows, theme parties, musicals, bake sales, etc.
- D. Do you celebrate Name Day? If so, how?
- E. How do you celebrate important dates at home (eg. birthdays, St. Jean Baptiste Day/jaanipäev, Christmas, etc.)
- F. Write about a fantastic birthday. How did you prepare? Where do you usually celebrate birthdays? Who do you invite? What kind of presents are given/received? What kind of birthday greetings are sent? What happens at the party?

4. FREE TIME AND FRIENDS

- A. How did you get your pet name or nickname (if you have one)? Who calls you by your pet name/nickname? Who else has nicknames (friends, teachers) and who knows what they are? Have you been called different names at different ages? Tell us the story about how someone got their nickname.
- B. Describe your hobbies (things you collect, keeping a diary or journal, blogging or following blogs, youtube) How and why are you involved in your hobbies? What interesting event or situation has come up while you were involved in your hobbies?
- C. Tell us about your favourite pet (where did you get your pet from, how did you decide on a name, stories about your pet).
- D. Who are your mentors/idols? In what ways do you imitate them (eg. dress the same, act like them)? What collectibles of theirs do you have (posters, Tshirts, photos, etc.)? How important is it for you to be in style, and how do you do that?
- E. What do you want to be in the future? Why?
- F. What is your favourite band and music style? Your favourite singer, actor, performer? What music do you not listen to, or hardly ever listen to?
- G. What is your favourite sport? Why? Who is your favourite sports star? Why? How do you support your favourite (eg. watching games/matches at home, going to games, cheers and slogans, sports shirts with team or player logos, etc.)
- H. If you have anything else you would like to add about free time and friends, please write it here.

5. GAMES AND PASTIMES

You can answer this topic briefly or write a longer story about one or more specific games. Send to kp@folklore.ee

- A. Who do you play with (outdoors, indoors)? What do you do during recess? How much do adults play with children; what, and how, and until what age? Do you play by yourself; what and how?
- B. When you start a game how do you decide who will play what role?
- C. Describe your favourite games including phone and computer games, including their rules (at what age, where and with who did you play them)?

D. What games did you play when you were very young (eg. doctor, storekeeper, puppet theatre, song competition, cops and robbers, car/truck driver, Lego, dolls, etc.)?