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The Kids Book of Canadian Exploration

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From Native peoples in search of new hunting grounds to European fishermen out for bigger catches, explorers were drawn to Canada for many reasons. They discovered a vast and mysterious land that took hundreds of years to explore and map. But the story of Canadian exploration doesn't end there.

With no new lands left to discover, present-day explorers focus on outer space, the ocean and the preservation of Earth's changing ecosystems. In this informative overview, kids will learn about the people, places and discoveries that have shaped our country. Featuring fact boxes, mini-profiles, maps, a timeline and more, this book offers an engaging look at Canada's history.

"One reason we decided to write this book was that so many teachers and librarians had told us that there weren't enough books for children about the early exploration of Canada. We wanted to give our readers a time line of the various groups that came to Canada and why - some came in search of fortune, some on behalf of their religion, some just to be the first to sail through the North West passage. One aspect we tried to focus on was the role that Native peoples played in helping new comers adapt to surviving in a wild new country."

Thematic Links:

Technology and its affect on history/social studies
First contact: relations between Native People and Europeans
Famous Canadians - profiles of explorers
Navigational tools
Map making
Shipbuilding
Survival

Activity Ideas:

- Explore your neighbourhood. Make a map of it.
Check out: www.collectionscanada.ca/explorers/kids/index-e.html

