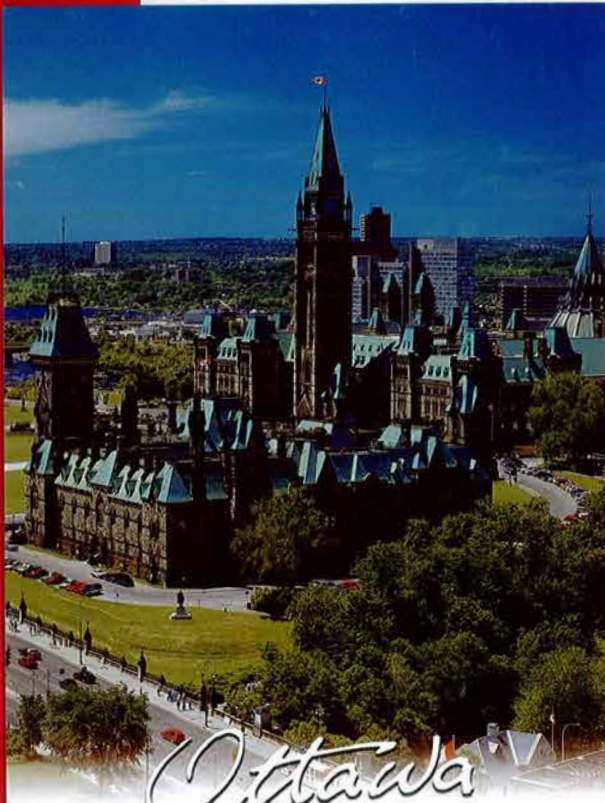




CANADIAN PRIDE IN OTTAWA

~ OUR NATION'S CAPITAL ~



Ottawa



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Introduction

I have chosen to write about the city of Ottawa for my Lawson project. I chose this topic because:

- 🇨🇦 Ottawa is Canada's capital city.
- 🇨🇦 Ottawa holds a spectacular Canada Day celebration every July 1.
- 🇨🇦 Our Federal Government is based in Ottawa. Our country's laws and regulations are created in Parliament.
- 🇨🇦 The city of Ottawa offers fun and exciting tourism opportunities, attractions, events and entertainment that celebrate Canada's heritage, Canadian accomplishments and Canada's culture.

Ottawa is important to me because it is our nation's capital. I had an amazing experience visiting this awesome city to celebrate Canada Day in 2013! It was thrilling to take part in many of the events and celebrations held on Parliament Hill, downtown parks and streets! What an amazing day to celebrate and share in showing my Canadian pride!

I've created this scrapbook to share my Canadian pride and my personal experience of visiting our nation's capital. You will see how my family and I celebrated Canada Day, the fantastic tourism in Ottawa, and learn more about our nation's capital city. I hope you enjoy!

I ♥ CANADA

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The City of Ottawa

The city of Ottawa is Canada's Capital City, and the fourth largest city in our country with a population of 883,391 preceded by Toronto, Montreal, and Calgary.

Historical Facts

Ottawa was chosen to be the capital of Canada by Queen Victoria in 1857. After much consideration, she chose the city as the capital for a number of good reasons. Most importantly she chose Ottawa because it was quite a distance from the American border. Following the war of 1812 there was much worry that Upper Canada (originally the British colony of Upper Canada) might be attacked and overtaken by the United States. In 1826, Lieutenant-Colonel John By had taken the charge of building the Rideau Canal in Ottawa. The Canal was created and designed to link the many rivers and small lakes in the surrounding area. The canal was important because it created a strategic military supply route between Ottawa, and Kingston (Ottawa - Capital of Canada, Gale Canada in Context). The canal proved very helpful if Upper Canada was attacked by the Americans like they had been in the War of 1812, because food, supplies and military weapons could be easily transported between the cities.

Besides being a good distance from the American border, another reason why Queen Victoria chose Ottawa as Canada's capital city was because it was geographically in between Montreal, Quebec City, Kingston and Toronto. The Queen foresaw that the city had great potential for economic growth and development. (Ottawa, Britannica School). The Ottawa River also provided transportation to and from Montreal. Railway transportation to other cities and towns was also good for the city's growth and development.



Ottawa is located close to the Quebec border and is in the Eastern portion of Southern Ontario.

Language

The city of Ottawa is historically known to be bilingual because many of the city's residents were originally British, Irish or of French origin (Ottawa, Britannica School). Today, more than one-third of Ottawa's residents know both languages. Being bilingual has its advantages. For example, if you were to have a job in the Federal Government you might likely use both French and English.

Currently, about 44% of people living in Ottawa claim English as their



Seeking Adventure

The city of Ottawa offers tourists and residents many attractions to visit, activities to take part in, and events to attend. There are so many places to visit that I would think any visitor would probably have a tough time deciding where to begin! It didn't surprise me to learn that there is about 7 million people who visit Ottawa each year (Ottawa, Britannica School). It's an awesome city! The city of Ottawa is known worldwide for its green space, waters, and parks. It is considered one of the most "beautiful" sites on earth. (Ottawa, Capital of Canada, Gale Canada).

The attractions my family and I visited in Ottawa included: *The Royal Canadian Mint, Parliament Hill, The Canadian Museum of Nature, The Byward Market, The Bytown Museum, The Supreme Court of Canada,* and *Paul's Boat Lines Ltd.* I was very impressed visiting each and everyone one of these spots. I wish that we had time to see more!



This is a picture of the Dinosaur exhibit in The Canadian Museum of Nature.



In downtown Ottawa there is The Byward Market. It is located just a few blocks from Parliament Hill. It was originally a farmers market where farmers brought their crops to sell and trade. Today it's not only a market but there are many restaurants and shops too.



This is a picture of The Royal Canadian Mint Building.

tourist

A popular event in the winter is "The Rideau Skateway".

FUN FACT: the skateway is 7.8 kilometers long.
Not to worry, there are heated chalets along the way to rest and refuel!
(Ottawa, Canada's Capital pamphlet).



Each museum in Ottawa allows visitors to see the history of our country. Each are a fantastic resource that celebrates Canada's heritage, famous achievements and culture.

One of the attractions my family visited while in Ottawa was The Royal Canadian Mint. On our walking tour through the Mint we could see the way Canadian money was originally manufactured. It was really interesting! We also saw the materials and machines used to create specialty coins and medals. A highlight of our visit was to see the authentic, special edition coins that could be bought in the gift shop.

The Canadian Museum of Nature was another spot my family visited. This museum was full of fascinating facts all about Canada. I learned so much! I think everyone who visits Ottawa should put this museum on their list to visit. Some of the displays we saw at this museum included:

- The Dinosaur time period in Canada.
- The Arctic region, where there were exhibits of Arctic animals, displays of how people live in the Arctic, and what research studies are taking place there today.
- Exhibits that highlighted the concerns of animals and species that exist in Canada today, especially those that are close to extinction.
- Displays of how Canadians typically live in urban areas today and the resources Canadians rely on.



This is ME "trying" to lift a heavy gold bar at the Mint.

Other museums visitors might like to see include:

🇨🇦 The Canadian War Museum.
This museum has displays of Canada's military history and the role the military has for Canada as a peacekeeping country.
(Ottawa – Capital of Canada Gale Canada in Context)

🇨🇦 The Canadian Museum of Civilization.
This museum presents the history of Canada's First Nations, and explains how the explorers and fur traders battled for land.
(Ottawa – Capital of Canada Gale Canada in Context)
As of December 2013, this museum has now been renamed The Canadian Museum of History. New displays will be added to the museum. Some of the new displays will be: Rocket Richard's jersey and special pieces from Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope (CBC News).



Totem poles and First Nations artifacts inside the Museum of Civilization.

Tourism is important to me because it's fun and exciting to learn about the history of Canada and the people who contributed to making it what it is today.



O' Canada

On July 1st thousands of people gather to celebrate Canada's birthday and confederation. Originally, this day was called 'Dominion Day' but in 1982 it was changed to 'Canada Day' after Canada became known as a country of its own. Before this time Canada was ruled by the British Empire. (Canada Day, Britannica School)

In Ottawa, Canada Day celebrations take place on Parliament Hill, downtown parks and on the streets. It was very exciting to be there on Canada Day 2013. I was amazed at the huge stage that was set up on the front lawn of Parliament Hill. This stage was the spotlight where many Canadian musicians and entertainers performed special songs and dances for the day. Special guests included the Prime Minister, the Governor General and other special Canadians who made appearances and speeches on stage. It was incredible! What a great Canada Day it was! Just some of the awesome things we saw were:

- 🇨🇦 The Changing of the Guard on Parliament Hill.
- 🇨🇦 The Canadian Snowbirds.
- 🇨🇦 Seeing the Canadian flag raised high above the crowd gathered on the lawn of Parliament Hill.
- 🇨🇦 Prime Minister, Stephen Harper and Governor General, David Johnston give Canada Day speeches.
- 🇨🇦 Canadian entertainers and musicians perform: Carly Rae Jepsen, the band Metric and Canadian country musician, Terri Clark.
- 🇨🇦 Canadian Astronaut, Chris Hadfield sing with Ed Robertson from the band, The Bare Naked Ladies.
- 🇨🇦 Singing "O Canada" with the thousands of other proud Canadians who had come to Ottawa for Canada Day too.

HAPPY
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DAY



Changing of the Guard on Parliament Hill



Astronaut, Chris Hadfield singing on stage.

Parliament Hill –





Our Canadian Federal Government

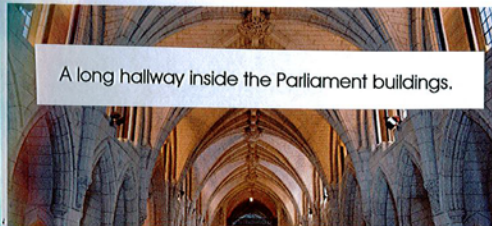
One last, but very important attraction my family and I visited was Parliament Hill. Before our visit I knew very little about our Canadian government other than that Stephen Harper was our Prime Minister. I found it very interesting that Canada was ruled by the British government/Monarchy until 1982. I learned many interesting things on our visit not only about our government, but also about some of the very important people and events who had a part in making our country what it is today.

Parliament Hill was constructed in 1859. The buildings resemble the Parliament buildings in London England. The Parliament buildings are designed in gothic architecture. The buildings have arches, high pointy towers, stained-glass windows and big entrances with large, heavy doors. Gargoyle sculptures in the stonework guard the entrances to the building. (Ottawa, Canada's Capital. Web.) Inside the Parliament buildings is the House of Commons, Senate Chambers, and special private offices of the Prime Minister and other government ministers.

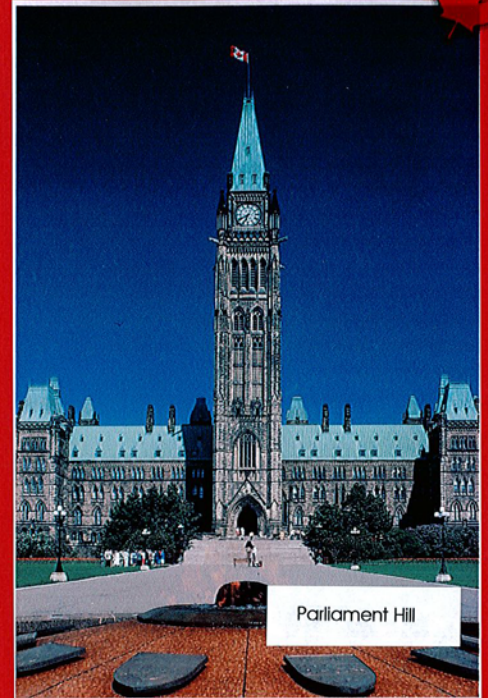
Our Federal Government officials who work inside the Parliament buildings have power over many issues that concern all provinces and territories. I think we should all be familiar with how our government is organized and where our laws come from.

These are a few things our Federal Government looks after:

-  Canada's national defence and peacekeeping
-  Laws and regulations that are enforced to all Canadians
-  Canadian citizenship and immigration
-  Canada's Postal service



A long hallway inside the Parliament buildings.



Parliament Hill

Parliament Hill is a fascinating building, but just as interesting are the monuments and statues outside of the building. Each monument and statue tells a story about the history of our country and acknowledges the events and people who contributed to the creation and development of Canada.

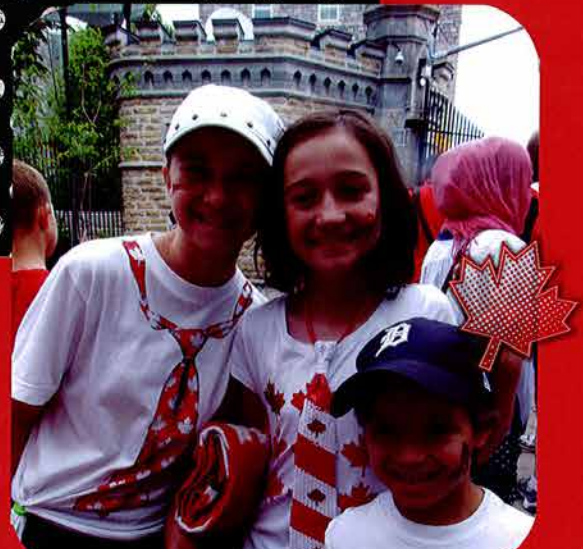
Standing on Parliament Hill certainly gave me a great a sense of being Canadian! I am VERY proud to be Canadian!



Conclusion

I sure hope you have enjoyed reading through my scrapbook, and you have learned more about Ottawa and why every Canadian should know about this amazing city. I know I've sure learned a lot! I hope you share your knowledge with other Canadians and spread the word that Ottawa is an amazing city and that every Canadian should have a chance to go there to see for themselves!

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