

## Student Research Digital Resource List

Need help choosing a Heritage Fair topic? Need help finding information on your topic? Here are some resources about the **Edmonton area, Alberta and Canada.**

### What is a Primary Source?

- Primary sources are original records from the time and place of an event.
- Examples of primary sources are artifacts, wampum, letters, newspapers, a diary, photographs, paintings, maps, speeches, oral histories, etc.

### What is a Secondary Source?

- Secondary sources are accounts of events, times and places based on interpretations and summaries of primary sources.
- Secondary sources interpret, evaluate or discuss information found in primary sources.
- Examples of secondary sources include academic articles, biographies, textbooks, dictionaries, most books, encyclopedias, etc.

## Edmonton Resources

**Brief History of the Papaschase Band** as recorded in the Papaschase First Nation Statement of Claim.

[https://www.papaschase.ca/text/papaschase\\_history.pdf](https://www.papaschase.ca/text/papaschase_history.pdf)

**City of Edmonton Archives- Digital Catalogue** Great resource for historical images and primary sources.

<https://cityarchives.edmonton.ca/>

**City of Edmonton Archives- Online Exhibits**

The City of Edmonton Archives' virtual exhibits draw upon the records held at the Archives to tell stories about our city and our history.

**City of Edmonton History of Chinatown report**

[https://www.edmonton.ca/public-files/assets/document?path=PDF/HistoryofChinatown%20\(2\).pdf](https://www.edmonton.ca/public-files/assets/document?path=PDF/HistoryofChinatown%20(2).pdf)

**Edmonton & Area Land Trust** <https://www.ealt.ca/>

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust works to protect natural areas to benefit wildlife and people, and to conserve biodiversity and all nature's values, for everyone forever.

**Edmonton City as Museum Project** <https://citymuseumedmonton.ca>

The ECAMP website collects & presents the stories of the [People](#), [Places](#), [Things](#), & [Moments](#) significant to our city's history as told from the perspectives of Edmontonians.

**Edmonton Historical Board** <https://www.edmontonsarchitecturalheritage.ca/>

This is a resource for exploring Edmonton's historic built landscape. Come learn about the buildings that make Edmonton unique and the architecture that surrounds you everyday.

**EPSB Archives & Museum (McKay Avenue School)** <https://archivesmuseum.epsb.ca/>

EPSB Archives & Museum is a public museum highlighting Edmonton Public Schools and Alberta's early political history, and an archive where historically significant documents are preserved for future generations.

**Fort Edmonton Park** <https://www.fortedmontonpark.ca/>

**GWG: Piece by Piece** <http://gwgpiecebypiece.ca/en/index.html>

Learn about the Great West Garment Factory, labour history and women's history in this interactive exhibit.

**John Walter Museum** [https://www.edmonton.ca/attractions\\_events/john-walter-museum.aspx](https://www.edmonton.ca/attractions_events/john-walter-museum.aspx)

The John Walter Museum interprets the life of John Walter and the Strathcona community of Walterdale from 1870-1942.

**Loyal Edmonton Regiment Museum** <https://www.lermuseum.org/>

The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, or the 49th Battalion or The Edmonton Regiment as it was known at various times before 1943, earned an exemplary battle record over the course of two world wars. Since the Second World War, it has supported the regular force in NATO and UN operations, including Korea and Afghanistan. Follow the history of the regiment, including references to its predecessors, from the early 1900s to the present.

**Michif Cultural Connections** <http://www.michifconnections.ca/>

Michif Cultural Connections in the historic Métis community of St. Albert preserves, promotes, protects and celebrates Alberta's rich Métis culture.

**Musée Héritage Museum** <https://museeheritage.ca/>

The Musée Héritage Museum is the keeper of the history, traditions and heritage of St Albert and district.

**Stony Plain and Parkland Pioneer Museum** <https://www.pioneermuseum.ca/>  
Celebrating the History and Pioneering Spirit of Stony Plain and Parkland County.

## Alberta Resources

**Alberta Aviation Museum** (Explore section) <https://www.albertaaviationmuseum.com/>

Journey to discover the wondrous history of Blatchford Field – where, for almost a century, countless pioneers of flight helped develop Edmonton as Canada’s Gateway to the North. Explore the evolution of flight in Alberta.

**Alberta’s Energy Resources Heritage** - <http://history.alberta.ca/energyheritage/>

This website by the Department of Culture (now Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women) traces the development of energy resources in Alberta. Topics explored include research and exploration, biographies of key individuals, social history, technological development, environmental costs and climate change. The website covers Coal, Natural Gas, Conventional Oil, Oil Sands, and Alternative Energies (man/horsepower, solar, wind, and hydro-electricity and includes a detailed focus on two key historic sites associated with energy resources, the Turner Valley Natural Gas Plant and the Bitumount Experimental Oil Sands Facility.

**Alberta Genealogical Society** Resources for family research.

**Albertasource.ca Alberta’s Online Encyclopedia**

Lots of different topics are explored.

**Alberta Labour History Institute** - <http://albertalabourhistory.org/>

The Alberta Labour History Institute (ALHI) gives working people a chance to preserve their own stories in their own words. ALHI is dedicated to the collection, preservation, and dissemination of the stories of Alberta’s working people and their organizations.

**Alberta On Record: Welcome**

The Archives Society of Alberta’s online portal to archival collections in Alberta. Alberta on Record gives access to collections preserved in many archives throughout the province. You can search thousands of descriptions of archival records, photographs, and textual records held in Alberta’s archives.

**Alberta Register of Historic Places** - <https://hermis.alberta.ca/arhp/Default.aspx?DeptID=1>

The Register contains information and images about buildings, archaeological and paleontological sites that have been designated as Provincial Historic Resources and Municipal Historic Resources. Sites from all over the province are included. Records for each site include descriptions of the site/building, an explanation of why that site/building has heritage value and what architectural and landscape features communicate those values.

**[Archaeology Society of Alberta](#)**

**[Alberta Sports History Library | albertasportshall](#)**

The Alberta Sports History Library is an online one-stop source for information on the history of sports in Alberta. This is a powerful resource for everyone from students, researchers, sports fans and the general public.

**Alberta's Black History**

Explore Alberta's Black History. <https://citymuseumedmonton.ca/2021/08/15/albertas-early-black-settlements/>

Explore the history of Alberta's largest Black settlement, Amber Valley;

<https://www.centrefornewcomers.ca/post/amber-valley-the-legacy-of-western-canada-s-largest-black-settlement#:~:text=The%20history%20of%20Amber%20Valley,Canada%20in%20the%20early%201900s.>

**Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society** <https://cpawsnab.org/>

CPAWS is Canada's pre-eminent, non-profit wilderness protection organization.

**[First Nations in Alberta](#)**

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100020670/1100100020675>

**Glenbow Digital Collection, University of Calgary-** <https://glenbow.ucalgary.ca/digital/#>

A great resource for historical images and primary sources.

**Heritage Foundation/University of Alberta Libraries - AlbertaSource.ca: The Alberta Online Encyclopedia -**  
<http://www.albertasource.ca/index.html>

This collection of websites was developed by the Heritage Foundation. The initiative is no longer active, but the components are archived and maintained by the University of Alberta Libraries. This collection of websites contains individual modules devoted to

various aspects of Alberta's heritage and history, including Indigenous people and Métis, aviation, sports, aviation, arts, immigration and settlement, etc.

**[Historic sites and museums | Alberta.ca](#)**

Experience Alberta's history at the many provincially-owned historic sites, interpretive centres and museums. You'll find heritage experiences that range from the quaint and charming to the incredible and awe-inspiring.

**Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom Centre [ikwc.org](http://ikwc.org)**

Resources for students K-12, teachers, Admins & parents.

**Peel's Prairie Provinces- <https://library.ualberta.ca/peel>**

**Newspapers, Maps, Featured Collections** Great resource for historical images and primary sources.

**Provincial Archives of Alberta <https://provincialarchives.alberta.ca/>**

The Provincial Archives of Alberta (PAA) acquires, preserves and publicly makes available records from government, individual people and organizations for researchers of all ages. A great resource for historical images and primary sources.

**RETROactive Blog- Alberta Government <https://albertahistoricplaces.com>**

Lots of different topics & themes explored.

**Phillip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum <https://dinomuseum.ca/>**

Learn about the paleontology of Alberta and its links to the modern oil and gas industry.

**[Royal Tyrrell Museum: Home](#)**

The Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology is dedicated exclusively to the study of ancient life. In addition to featuring one of the world's largest displays of dinosaurs, we offer a wide variety of creative, fun, and educational programs that bring the prehistoric past to life.

**Rupertsland Institute- Métis Foundational Knowledge Themes**

<https://www.rupertsland.org/teaching-learning/metis-foundational-knowledge-themes/>

Each theme shares information about Métis history, identity, and life in Alberta. Métis voices are authentically shared through the themes, woven together with academic research to best share the Métis story in Alberta.

The "**Secret Alberta**" video series, available on YouTube, by Telus StoryHive.

For example, Secret Alberta: The Former Life of Amber Valley: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxXJubB2cPQ>

Secret Alberta: POWs on the Prairies <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fZS-1v-kE8>

**Siksika Nation. Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park** <http://www.blackfootcrossing.ca/index.html>

This is the website of the Blackfoot Crossing Museum, which is located on the Siksika Reserve near the location of the signing of Treaty 7. The museum is currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the museum's website, particularly under the "Our Culture" menu, contains information about Blackfoot culture, history and heritage.

**Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village** <https://ukrainianvillage.ca/>

Hear stories of solitude, survival, and perseverance while discovering how Ukrainian immigration made a significant impact on Alberta's cultural identity.

**University of Alberta Railways - Atlas of Alberta Railways** <https://railways.library.ualberta.ca/>

This website looks at the history of railway construction in Alberta, including the main trans-continental railway companies (Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern, Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian National) as well as numerous smaller provincial railway companies (Alberta and Great Waterways; Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia, Central Canada, etc.). The website includes numerous interactive maps.

## Canada Resources

### [The Atlas of Canada / L'Atlas du Canada](#)

### [Canadian Encyclopedia: Home](#)

Great variety of topics. A good starting point! This comprehensive and accessible online encyclopedia contains entries on a wide range of subjects related to Canadian history, geography, culture, etc.

### **Canadian Museum of History** [Resource Centre | Learn](#)

Research activities are concentrated in the fields of history, archaeology, ethnology and cultural studies. The National Collection consists of more than four million artifacts, specimens, works of art, written documents, and sound and visual recordings. More than 218,000 artifacts in the collection are accessible in an [online database](#).

### [Canadian Museum for Human Rights \(CMHR\)](#)

As the world's first museum dedicated to human rights, we are centred around the idea that respect and understanding of human rights can serve as a positive force for change in the world.

### **Canadian Wildlife Federation - *Hinterland Who's Who* - <https://hww.ca/en/index.html>**

This website is an updated, online version of the classic “Hinterland Who's Who” short educational films that were broadcast on Canadian television networks in the 1970s to 1990s. The website contains accessible information, including photographs and videos about a wide range of Canadian wildlife species, habitats and ecosystems.

### [CBC Archives](#)

### [Dictionary of Canadian Biography: Home](#)

Explore significant people from Canada's history. The online biographical encyclopedia contains entries on people significant to Canadian history from pre-contact times to 1939. Entries are written based on the decades of a person's death. Work is currently underway on biographies of people who had died in the 1940s. Note: most of the entries are written by academics and the reading level is aimed at a higher grade level and may not be accessible for elementary students without teacher or parental assistance.



**[HBCA Resources | Hudson's Bay Company Archives | Search | Archives of Manitoba](#)**

Primary sources related to the Hudson's Bay Company's fur trade history.

**Canada's History** [canadashistory.ca](#)

Includes information on preparing for heritage fairs for students and teachers, under the headings "Youth" and "Education", plus resources to help students find and research topics.

**Historica Canada** [HERITAGE MINUTES](#)

The Heritage Minutes are a collection of bilingual Canadian 60-second short films, each depicting a significant person, event or story in Canadian history.

**Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada - [Map Room](#)**

On this website, you will find various thematic mapping products on Indigenous people, communities and initiatives undertaken by the Canadian government.

**[Library and Archives Canada \(LAC\) - Library and Archives Canada](#)**

A great resource for primary sources, such as:

*Passageways: True Tales of Adventure for Young Explorers -*

<https://epe.lac-bac.gc.ca/100/206/301/lac-bac/explorers/www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/explorers/kids/index-e.html>

- This now archived, but still accessible website provides information about the European exploration of Canada. There is some material about the pre-contact period, but the focus is on the post-contact, fur trade and exploration phase of Canadian history.

**[Military history - Canada.ca](#)**

Canada's military history, including past wars and operations. Archives, research, art and film. Military medals, badges and flags. War memorials and museums near you.

**[Native-Land.ca | Our home on native land](#)**

We strive to map Indigenous lands in a way that changes, challenges, and improves the way people see the history of their countries and peoples. We hope to strengthen the spiritual bonds that people have with the land, its people, and its meaning.

We strive to map Indigenous territories, treaties, and languages across the world in a way that goes beyond colonial ways of thinking in order to better represent how Indigenous people want to see themselves.

**Parks Canada [Home](#)**

**Digital Museums Canada** [Digitalmuseums.ca/funded-projects](https://digitalmuseums.ca/funded-projects)  
Storytelling projects on various topics.