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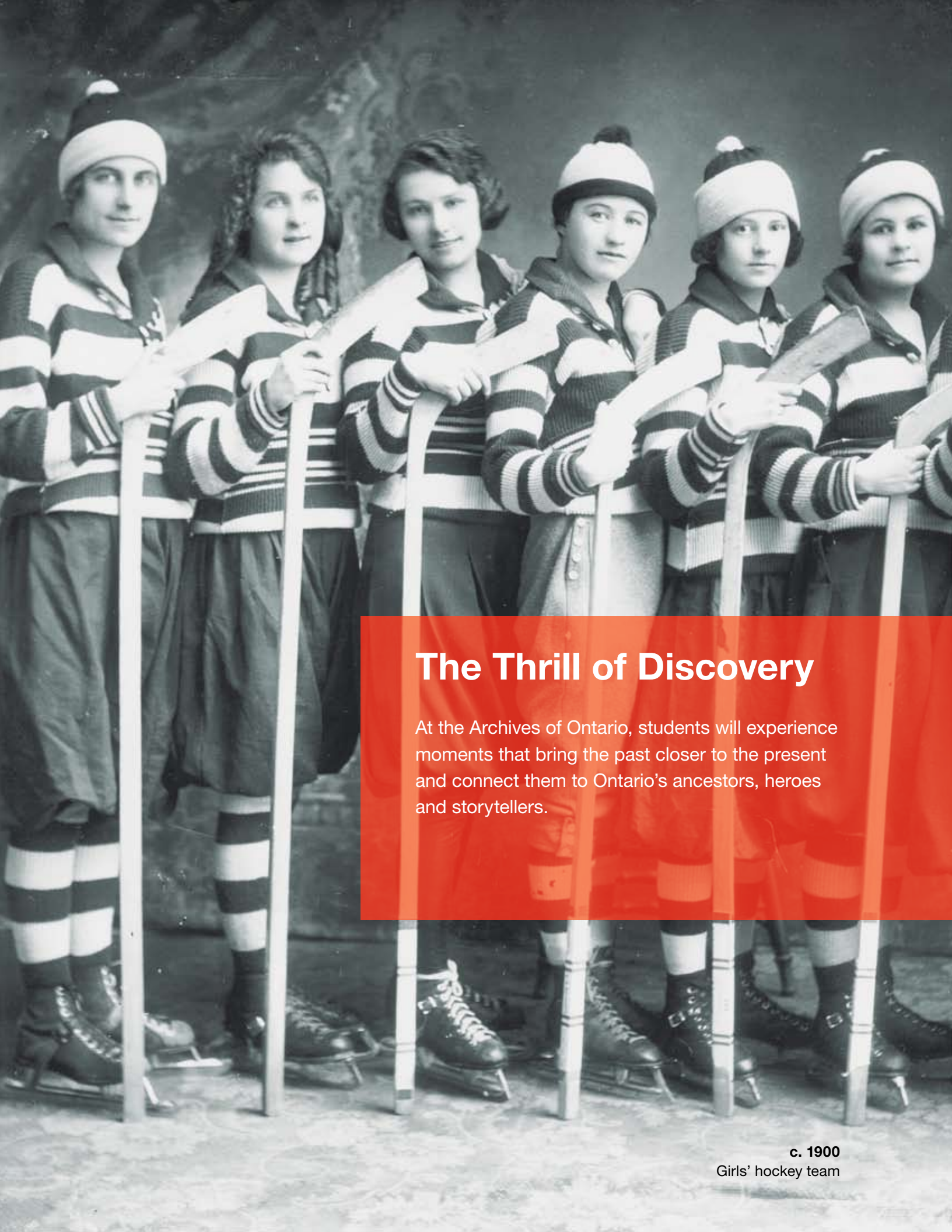
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The Thrill of Discovery

At the Archives of Ontario, students will experience moments that bring the past closer to the present and connect them to Ontario's ancestors, heroes and storytellers.

c. 1900
Girls' hockey team

That feeling of discovery is what makes the Archives of Ontario such a unique and captivating place for students. Here, students can explore the history of their entire province in a way that stretches beyond a textbook or a family attic; all through the eyes of the people who made that history.

Educational programming at the Archives of Ontario is tailored to the Ontario curriculum, is free of charge, and is a unique opportunity for students to literally touch a piece of the

past. All programming is led by experienced educators who are passionate about teaching students the rich stories held at the Archives.

Educational Programming

Whether you are near or far, the Archives of Ontario offers free educational programming that is accessible for all Ontario students. The Archives currently offers staff-led programming on-site at our facility in north Toronto, as well as online lesson plans for you to download and use in your classroom.



c. 1890
John H. Alexander and
pupils of King Street School,
Amherstburg



Visit Your Provincial Archives

The Archives of Ontario offers free, curriculum-linked educational programs at its facility in north Toronto. During the 2010-2011 school year the following programmes are available:

1966-1968
Untitled,
A.J. Casson

ON-SITE PROGRAMMING

Come to the Land of Opportunity! Celebrating Immigration to Ontario

GRADE 8 – HISTORY – CANADA: A CHANGING SOCIETY

2 hours

Students will dig into the Archives of Ontario's collections to examine and investigate the social and political challenges of increased migration and settlement to Ontario.

In 1869, the Government started creating advertising programmes to encourage people to settle in Ontario. Pamphlets and posters drew immigrants to Ontario for the free land and hope for a better future.

This workshop will incorporate elements of media literacy and historical inquiry for the creation of two different immigration campaigns to Canada. The workshop will encompass a comparative aspect, and students will develop an advertising campaign for the period between pre-Confederation up to the first World War. Then, they will create a contemporary welcome pack for a family who just arrived in Ontario. Students will examine issues of social justice, racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination through the lens of history and will make observations about the current world.



1869
Emigration to the
Province of Ontario

BY THE END OF THE WORKSHOP, STUDENTS WILL HAVE:

- used a variety of primary resources to gather, process and communicate information about the factors that shaped Ontario as it was entering the 20th century;
- analysed, synthesized and evaluated historical information (e.g. Immigration posters);
- created two immigration campaigns, one to attract immigrants to Ontario around the beginning of the twentieth century, and one for today, using media appropriate to the period;
- learned about the Archives of Ontario and its role in preserving the documentary memory of our province for future generations.

DURING THE COURSE OF THIS WORKSHOP, STUDENTS WILL:

- wear archival gloves, and see, touch, and use original primary source documents such as immigration posters, diaries and photographs;
- create an immigration campaign poster from the early 20th century using archival paper and techniques;
- create a welcome pack for a recent immigrant to Ontario.

ON-SITE PROGRAMMING

History Alive! Introduction to Primary Source Documents

GRADES 9 TO 12 – HISTORY – METHODS OF HISTORICAL INQUIRY AND COMMUNICATION

2 hours

Primary documents provide a unique perspective on historic events and situations. Unlike textbooks, which provide a retelling of the events from the perspective of the author, primary documents are treasures that have emerged from history intact. They are time capsules that provide windows into the past. This workshop is an opportunity to handle and learn from “the real thing.”

Exploring the Archives of Ontario’s fascinating collection of primary source documents, students will be introduced to the concept of primary sources, and examine and investigate methods of historical inquiry and communication.



1834
New travelling and commercial map of the Canadas from the Sault of Ste. Marie to the River Saguenay

ON-SITE PROGRAMMING

Archives and Local History

GRADE 12 – INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

3 hours

In this workshop, students will explore how and why the Archives of Ontario collects, preserves, and provides access to the documentary memory of the province. Students will have special access to the heart of the working Archives operation, to see and understand the various facets of their modern, provincial archives.

Please note: this is a special tour that is only offered for this workshop.

Students will have a tailored introduction that explains how to start research at the Archives of Ontario using primary source documents relating to their local area. This workshop is an ideal foundation for post-secondary studies.

1906
Domestic servant, Beatrice, ironing

BY THE END OF THE WORKSHOP, STUDENTS WILL HAVE:

- gathered information on Ontario’s history from a variety of sources (original maps, photos, diaries, and other historical records);
- distinguished between primary and secondary sources of information;
- learned how to use primary sources in historical research;
- identified various job, career and volunteer opportunities related to the study of history;
- learned about the Archives of Ontario and its role in preserving the documentary memory of our province for future generations.

DURING THE COURSE OF THIS WORKSHOP STUDENTS WILL:

- have a hands-on experience with real historical documents. In groups, students will review a real collection of documents and in groups, analyse and decide which documents will be preserved and which will be destroyed forever;
- locate, gather, evaluate and organise primary sources relating to the history of Ontario from a variety of sources, such as diaries, photographs, and maps.

BY THE END OF THE WORKSHOP, STUDENTS WILL HAVE:

- developed an in-depth understanding of the role of their provincial archives in collecting, preserving and providing access to the documentary memory of the province and their local community;
- used more advanced research and analysis skills to study records relating to their local history, and understood how to conduct archival research future studies;
- developed insight into the role of an archivist and a conservator and their role in collecting and preserving historical records.

DURING THE COURSE OF THIS WORKSHOP STUDENTS WILL:

- tour the largest provincial archives in Canada; including preservation lab, photography studio, reading room, vaults, document processing areas and exhibit area.
- meet an archivist and other archives staff and understand their professions;
- understand how to start research at the Archives’.



c. 1960
Children playing with
bow and arrows

Online Lesson Plans

ontario.ca/archives

Developed by Ontario educators and partners, the Archives of Ontario has over 50 online lessons designed to meet Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum requirements, ready for you to download and use in your classroom. All lesson plans are free.

Discover online how to bring the collections of the Archives of Ontario into your classroom!

LESSON PLANS ARE COMPLETE WITH DOWNLOADS THAT PROVIDE ACCESS TO:

- digitized versions of primary source documents;
- activity ideas;
- handouts;
- rubrics.



Ontario History Quest

ohq.tpl.toronto.on.ca/

Ontario History Quest is an online learning resource for Ontario students in grades 7, 8, 10 and 12 studying history from 1820-1970.

For each grade, OHQ provides Introductory Activities and a “Webquest” where students have the opportunity to learn about Ontario history through the exploration of original letters, diaries, pictures, and other documents. Teacher packages are provided for each grade. The learning resource includes a searchable database of over 3,300 primary and secondary source materials.

The site is designed to meet the Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum requirements. It was developed in partnership with the Toronto Public Library and the City of Toronto Archives. The project was made possible in part through the Ontario Ministry of Culture Library Strategic Development Fund: Digital Alliances Programme.

How To Book

We look forward to welcoming you and your students to the Archives of Ontario for a first-hand experience with the province's documentary heritage.

To book a visit, please complete a booking request form. Forms can be obtained by sending a request to reference@ontario.ca. A member of our team will then get back to you to confirm if your preferred or alternate days are available.

Please note: your visit is not confirmed until you have received a written Booking Confirmation.

If, for any reason, you are unable to attend your session, please inform the Education Service at least one week in advance. Insufficient notice may result in a cancellation fee.



c. 1965
Girls playing

TIMINGS

Start and finish times for all programmes can usually be arranged to suit you. Normal business hours of the Archives of Ontario are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- Elementary programmes usually last 1 ½ hours.
- Secondary programmes usually last 2 hours

GROUP SIZE

A minimum number of adult supervisors are required to accompany each school group. See below for grade-specific supervisor-to-student ratios.

- Elementary (K-8) 1:10
- Secondary (9-12) 1:15

COST

All programming is free of charge.

SUPERVISION

All programming is led by our archives staff. We kindly ask that teachers remain with their groups for the duration of the programme and continue to supervise students. This allows our staff to focus on delivering a terrific program for your students. Please note that the Archives of Ontario is not responsible for accidents or injuries incurred while in the building or on the grounds.

Facilities

BUS AND CAR PARKING

A school bus drop off/pick-up point is available on the north side of the building on Vanier Drive. The drop-off/pick-up point is free to access.

School buses may use York University's visitor parking lot. It is recommended that buses use the Founders Parking Lot. The charge is \$9.00/day. Please note there is no free parking available on campus. Please see map for Vanier Drive drop-off/pick-up point and daily parking options including Founders Parking Lot.

LUNCH

There is space for students to have a packed lunch at the Archives. Chairs and tables are provided.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Archives public facility is fully accessible. We encourage you to please contact us before your visit to discuss any access requirements.

CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Teachers and students may bring and use a digital camera. Please note flash photography is not allowed to ensure the preservation of the collection.

WASHROOMS

Accessible washrooms are available on the first floor near the classroom.



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HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

About the Archives of Ontario

The Archives of Ontario is the largest provincial archives in Canada, with a collection that includes **2.9 MILLION** photographs, more than **85,000** maps of Ontario, **240,000** architectural drawings, and over **40,000 HOURS** of audio, video and film records. These records date back to 1729, and reflect all aspects of public and private life in Ontario. The core of the archive's collection is made up of historical provincial documents. Stacked up, these documents alone would be **100 KILOMETRES** high—taller than **180 CN TOWERS**.

In April 2009 the Archives of Ontario moved to a new, purpose-built facility. The building is designed with students in mind, is accessible and features a learning centre where all workshops start and end.

The Archives is the documentary history of the province of Ontario, and a must-visit for Ontario students who want to understand the province's past, present and future.



A / 1906

Young hockey players,
Picton Harbour

B / c. 1920

Man filming Toronto

C / c. 1908

The Death of Brock at
Queenston Heights,
C.W. Jefferys

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