



IMMIGRANT'S STORIES ABOUT IMMIGRATION



To complete this sheet you will be visiting a web site and reading stories written by people who immigrated to Canada from other countries. Please follow the instructions carefully and do not click anywhere unless instructed to by your teacher or on this sheet.

Type in the following address beside location: pier21.ns.ca

Click on Resource Centre, then on Stories. Then click on Immigrants.

Select one of the following stories and answer the questions about this person's journey. You may not be able to find all the answers, if you have trouble skip it and go on to the next question:

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Jane Nichol森

Willem (Wim) Kreeft

Antonio Saez Jimenez

Bernardus G. Nolte

Will Millar

Allistar Wilson

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ANSWERS:

1. Peter Hessel
2. The Anna Salen
3. It doesn't say which country originally from.
4. June 25, 1952
5. He doesn't say why he came to Canada but from reading it seems that he came to find work on a farm.
6. He got to watch movies, he had to change the time on his watch as they traveled, he watched as he passed the corner of Newfoundland, and noticed that he would be passing through 4 Canadian provinces (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario) and he was taking pictures.
7. He went to Ottawa to work as a farmer.
8. He saw dark-green wooded hills and could smell the wonderful fragrance of distant forests. He was very happy.
9. He did not describe any hardships other than waiting for long periods of time as everything was processed. It sounds like he didn't have any money as he had to borrow some for a stamp but he sold some film and paid the person back.
10. He seemed really happy to be in Canada. He was originally going to be going to Alberta but chose Ottawa because he didn't want to farm sugar beets, he wanted to be near the capitol and he wanted to stay with the friends he met on his journey. The train ride sounds like it was really nice and it sounds like they were treated well.

1. Antonio Saez Jimenez
2. Amerigo Vespuccio
3. Spain
4. September 30, 1958
5. He did not mention why he left Spain.
6. He went through Hurricane Helen, 90% of the people were sick and three old persons died.
7. Kingston, Ontario.
8. He arrived at Pier 21 and it was really noisy and busy but all the people who worked there were really helpful and friendly.
9. He didn't mention any hardships that he faced.
10. He found that he was not discriminated against for his race or nationality and was thankful for this. Antonio returned to Spain but left behind three children.

1. Willem (Wim) Kreeft
2. Groote Beer
3. Netherlands

4. September 30, 1952
5. They left the Netherlands because they were searching for a better house and lifestyle.
6. He remembers little of trip but does recall looking at fish in the water with his dad (dolphins, porpoises or whales), being in a cabin with mom (women and children were together) and not being allowed to drink water at night in case they spill on the bed. He climbed up to the top of the bunk to get a glass and couldn't get down.
7. Burdett, Alberta
8. They took a train across Canada and it was dirty and short on the amenities for daily life.
9. They don't mention any hardships other than the poor conditions on the train.
10. They had to be sponsored by a relative in order to immigrate to Canada. His dad's sister sponsored them and that was why they went to Alberta.

1. Will Millar
2. Georgic
3. Ireland
4. Mid-fifties
5. They were poor and were searching for a dream in the new land.
6. Will enjoyed the trip, he snuck up to the first-class deck and lied down on their oak chairs where he was offered tea and cake, he liked going to look over the rail at night and watching the luminescence trail behind the ship. He was healthy and happy while others were sick.
7. Toronto at Mimico Beach on Lake Ontario.
8. He loved the new country and the lake reminded him of the ocean.
9. He doesn't talk of hardships but rather of the good times he had as a teenager in the new world.
10. Will was one of the Irish Rovers (kids probably don't know who they are) and he talks about the university life and the fun that he had and the kids may find this interesting.

1. Jane Nichol森
2. Franconia
3. Liverpool, England
4. February 13, 1956
5. They moved because her dad got a job working for Cossor's, an electronic firm in Halifax. They could have gone to Australia but her father didn't want to be too far away from the old country.
6. She remembers lots of families like her own, particularly a red headed woman with 5 kids. There was a hurricane and she remembered watching a man on a small boat being brought aboard for care.
7. They lived in Halifax
8. She had to wear a ticket around her neck and sit in a room with wire enclosures, their house

was simple and people had given them furniture because they didn't have any.

9. They were really poor and had no furniture but the neighbors gave them some and it took a while to get their dishes because they got sent to New York by mistake.
10. She mentions that the other families were in the same situation, poor but grateful to be in Canada.

1. Bernardus G. Nolte
2. S.S. Groote Beer
3. Netherlands
4. October 28, 1953
5. He doesn't mention why he came to Canada but it looks like they came to find work.
6. It took 8 days, lots of passengers had gotten sick and lost weight and the custom agents were friendly.
7. McGill street in Toronto
8. He doesn't say other than that the customs agents were friendly.
9. They had very little money and had to be very careful of what they bought and they did find jobs but not in their field.
10. He was a Medical Instrument Maker and it is interesting that they had trouble with the Canadian slang.

1. Allistar Wilson
2. Aquitania
3. Scotland
4. May 25, 1947
5. He doesn't mention why they left.
6. He was surprised that he didn't get to stay with his father, it felt like a palace to him, he got sick from eating rich food and he always remembers the smell of the ocean and the sound of the public address system.
7. They drove to Vancouver, BC
8. He remembers watching the luggage being unloaded and being fascinated as a suitcase fell out and sunk the rest he says was a blur as it was quick.
9. They didn't mention any hardships.
10. His father has their car shipped over (a Railton) and they drove across Canada.