


Africa, Americas, Asia-Pacific Level 3

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 Facts of Great Magnitude

See over **1,400** artefacts which represent the artistic and cultural traditions of these indigenous peoples.

Weapons and Wealth

 Look for the weapons from different countries in **Africa**: Sudan, Uganda, Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, and South Africa.

There are many different types of weapons including spears, shields, knives, and knobkerries (clubs).

The knives on display have multiple edges. They were designed this way so that, regardless of the angle of impact, you would injure your opponent, including loss of limb.

 They were used against people and horses.

 Design your own effective multiple-edge knife.



 Try saying *Knives and Knobkerries* three times fast.

Fill out the information for your artefact's label:


Artefact: _____

Material: _____

Created by: _____

These knives are valuable and sometimes used as currency. Different metals are difficult to find, hard to mine and smelting (processing the material) takes time and uses valuable resources like wood for fire.

 Many people would use dung as a cheaper alternative to wood for fire.

 The cases in this area contain many examples of wealth. List three different types of wealth.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Environmental Solutions

 Search the galleries for useful tools.

Cultures that live in different geographical areas use different materials to make useful tools.

 Find the artefacts shown in these two images and answer the questions.



What are they?

Where were they made?

How were they used?




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Family and Home

The bear is a post that held up the centre beam of a house on the West Coast. West Coast Aboriginal Peoples lived in large extended family groups. Aboriginal Peoples thought of a home as the body of their ancestors. Corner posts depicted the arms or legs, the rafters were the ribs and the long horizontal beams were the backbone. The planks that cover the outside of the house made up the skin of the body.

 What are four qualities of the bear that you think would be important to the family that lived in this house?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

 The wolf is another animal with important qualities; it is revered for its skill as a hunter. To become a good hunter, one must acquire the spirit power associated with the wolf.

 What animal would you use to represent your family or personality and why?

 Look for the house post.





War Record Robe

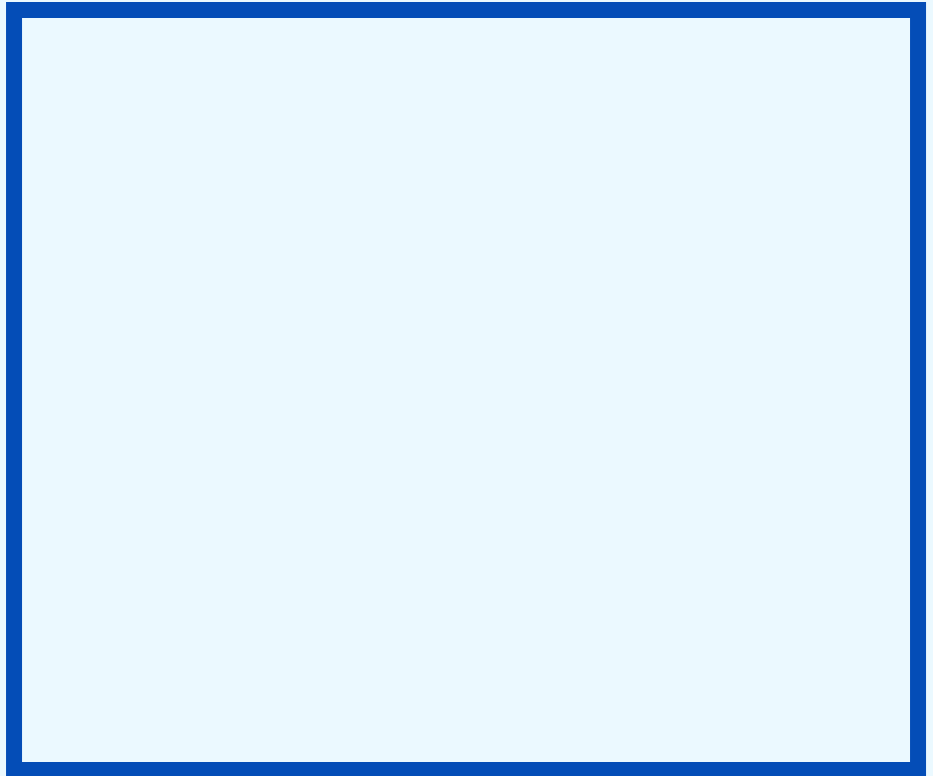


 Look for the War Record Robe.

During the 19th century successful warriors who lived on the Great Plains would display adventures on a robe. This Blackfoot Warrior is depicted in many ways.

 This robe depicts 80 distinct war deeds performed by this single Blackfoot warrior in the 1800s.

 Design a record of a heroic deed. It can involve someone you know or it can be from your favourite book or movie. Remember to use abstract symbols to tell the story.



China and Japan Level 1

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Buddhist Traditions

 Look for the “Luohan” statue; he is a Buddhist role model.


 This statue is over 900 years old.

 Try sitting in the same position as the “Luohan”.

He wears a patchwork robe, has taken off his heavy gold earrings and given away his wealth to help him find enlightenment, that which is most important in life. Money and power are not the most important things.

 Sit in your favourite position and think about the most important things in your life.


Way of the Warrior

 Samurai follow the code of “Bushido” which stresses loyalty, mastery of martial arts, and honour unto death!

The strips of iron are painted with lacquer to prevent rust; this turns the metal a dark brown colour.


 List three animals that have their own armour.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____


 Find the Samurai armour and look very closely at the face masks.



The face masks provide protection but they also hide the samurai's identity. The face mask shows their individual self-expression. They can be scary, stunning, humorous, intimidating and powerful.

 Design your own face mask with a facial expression that represents your personality in the space provided.

 Look for the samurai swords. Both men and women could be samurai; only the men went to battle.

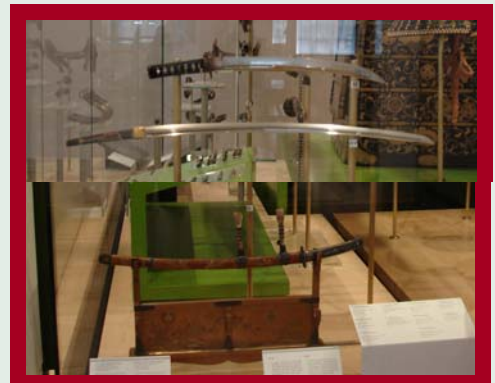
 The men usually carried two swords. The long sword “katana” is the principal weapon in battle. The shorter sword “wakizashi” is a secondary weapon for cutting off the enemy's head as a trophy or for ritual suicide. There is also the “tachi”, a ceremonial sword for young samurai boys to carry.

 Match the name to the sword.

Katana

Tachi

Wakizashi



Hands-on Biodiversity Level 2


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Ontario Wildlife

 Porcupines float in water! The hollow quills act like a life preserver.

 Look for the following organisms in the Mixed Forest, place them in the proper column.

Plants	Fungi	Invertebrates	Vertebrates		
			Mammals	Birds	Amphibians

Common Porcupine

Whip-poor-will

American Toad

Eyed Click Beetle

Io Moth

Fisher

Moss

Puff Ball

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Two-lined Salamander

Northern Flying Squirrel


Sugar Maple

Turkey Tail

Fly Agric

Bluebead Lily

Backyard Biodiversity

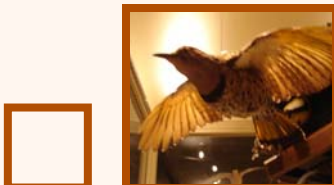
 Match the birds with their description.



black and white striped wings and head



brown striped wings; beige belly with spots; red on neck





yellow body, beak and forehead; black tail and wings

 Look for them at the feeder and check them off.

Ontario Mammals

 Crawl through the tunnel, what do you find?



 Draw the animal you found and circle the words that accurately describe it.  This animal lives in Toronto.

Predator Herbivore Exoskeleton Carnivore

Secretive Prey Mammal Urban

Omnivore Vertebrate Nocturnal Tame