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	<p>NEW YEAR'S DAY in Canada is on January 1. It is a general holiday, and it celebrates the beginning of a new year. Most retail businesses cannot be open on this day.</p>
	<p>LOUIS RIEL DAY is a general holiday. It is celebrated on the third Monday of February. It honours the memory of Louis Riel. Louis Riel lived from 1844 to 1885. He was the founder of the province of Manitoba and the leader of the Métis people.</p>
	<p>GOOD FRIDAY is the Friday before Easter Sunday. On this general holiday Christians remember the death of Jesus Christ. Most retail businesses cannot be open on this day.</p>
	<p>VICTORIA DAY is celebrated on the third Monday in May. This general holiday honours the memory of Queen Victoria, who lived from 1819 to 1901.</p>





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	<p>CANADA DAY is on July 1. It is a national general holiday to remember that Canada became a country on July 1, 1867. It is also called "Canada's birthday". Most retail businesses cannot be open on this day.</p>
	<p>LABOUR DAY is a general holiday on the Monday after the first weekend in September. It is not on May 1, as it is in many other countries. It celebrates the rights of unions to improve the lives of workers. Many Canadians enjoy Labour Day as the last long weekend in the summer. Most retail businesses cannot be open on this day.</p>
	<p>THANKSGIVING DAY is a general holiday on the second Monday of October. It reminds Canadians to be thankful. Many Canadians spend time with their families and eat turkey and pumpkin pie.</p>
	<p>CHRISTMAS DAY is a general holiday on December 25. It celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. Many Canadians give gifts, decorate their homes, and spend time with their family on Christmas. Most retail businesses cannot be open on this day.</p>





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	<p>KWANZAA is from December 26 to January 1. It celebrates African American culture. It is not a religious holiday. It was created in 1966 to remember African culture. It is not a general holiday.</p>
	<p>ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS is celebrated on January 6 by some Eastern Orthodox churches. It is not a general holiday. ORTHODOX NEW YEAR'S DAY is celebrated on January 14 because the Orthodox church uses a different calendar. It is not a general holiday.</p>
	<p>CHINESE NEW YEAR is the most important traditional Chinese holiday. It begins on the first day of the first lunar month in the Chinese calendar. It is celebrated by many people who have immigrated to Canada from China, but it is not a general holiday.</p>
	<p>ST. VALENTINE'S DAY is on February 14. It is not a general holiday. On this day, people give love notes, flowers and chocolates to show their love.</p>



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	<p>ASH WEDNESDAY is the first day of Lent, 46 days before Easter. Lent is a time of waiting for Easter. On this day, in some churches, priests put ashes on the forehead of each person. It reminds them to be sorry for the things that they have done wrong. It is not a general holiday.</p>
	<p>ST. PATRICK'S DAY is on March 17. It celebrates the life of Saint Patrick. Many people believe he died on March 17. It is the national holiday of the Irish people. In Canada it is celebrated by some people, but it is not a general holiday.</p>
	<p>PALM SUNDAY is on a different day every year. It is always on the Sunday before Easter. It celebrates the day Jesus came into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. It is not a general holiday.</p>
	<p>PASSOVER is celebrated on the 14th day of the first month of the Jewish year. On this day, Jewish people remember how the Israelites, who were slaves in Egypt, became free. In Israel, Passover is a seven-day holiday. In Canada it is not a general holiday. Many Jewish people eat special foods and say special prayers on this day.</p>





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 <p>* EASTER MONDAY is the day after Easter Sunday. It is not a general holiday, but it may be a day off for some work places.</p>	<p>EASTER SUNDAY is the most important religious day for Christians. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Christians believe Jesus came to life after he died. The date of Easter is in March or April. Orthodox Christians celebrate on a different day. It is not a general holiday. Most retail businesses cannot be open on this day.</p>
	<p>CINCO DE MAYO is a Spanish sentence. It means "fifth of May" in English. It is celebrated on May 5 in Mexico and in parts of the United States with food, music and dancing. In Canada, some Canadians from Mexico celebrate this day, but it is not a general holiday.</p>
	<p>MOTHER'S DAY is on the second Sunday in May. It is a day honouring mothers. Mothers often receive gifts on this day.</p>
	<p>FATHER'S DAY is celebrated on the third Sunday in June. It is a day honouring fathers. Fathers often receive gifts on this day.</p>





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	<p>CIVIC HOLIDAY is a day that is often declared a holiday by the government. In Manitoba, the civic holiday is always on the first Monday in August. The employer can decide to give his/her employee the day off with pay. It is not a general holiday.</p>
	<p>RAMADAN is the Islamic month of fasting. During this time, Muslims must not eat or drink when the sun is shining. They can eat or drink when the sun goes down. The fasting lasts for 29 or 30 days. The days in Ramadan are not general holidays.</p>
	<p>ROSH HASHANAH is the beginning of the Jewish year. There are special foods and prayers during this time. It is usually in September or October, but it changes every year according to the Jewish Calendar. It is not a general holiday. YOM KIPPUR is a holy day nine days after Rosh Hashanah. Jewish people say sorry for what they have done wrong in the past. They may fast and pray. It is not a general holiday.</p>
	<p>HALLOWEEN is on October 31. In Canada, children often dress in costumes and go from door to door. They ring each doorbell, say "Trick or treat!" and collect candy in a pillow case or other container.</p>

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	<p>ISLAMIC NEW YEAR is based on the Islamic calendar, which has only 354 days. It is celebrated on Muharram 1, which is the first day of the Islamic calendar. It is not a general holiday.</p>
	<p>REMEMBRANCE DAY is on November 11. It is to remember that World War 1 ended on November 11 in 1918. In Canada, Remembrance Day is a holiday for federal government employees. It is not a general holiday. Retail stores cannot be open between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm on this day.</p>
	<p>HANUKKAH is also called the Festival of Lights. It is an eight-day Jewish festival. The Hebrew calendar is used to decide the date of the festival. Each night one candle is lit and a story of the Jewish people is remembered.</p>
	<p>BOXING DAY is on December 26. On Boxing Day many retail stores have big sales. Some shoppers will line up outside for many hours at night waiting for the store to open. It is not a general holiday, but some employers don't make their employees work on this day.</p>