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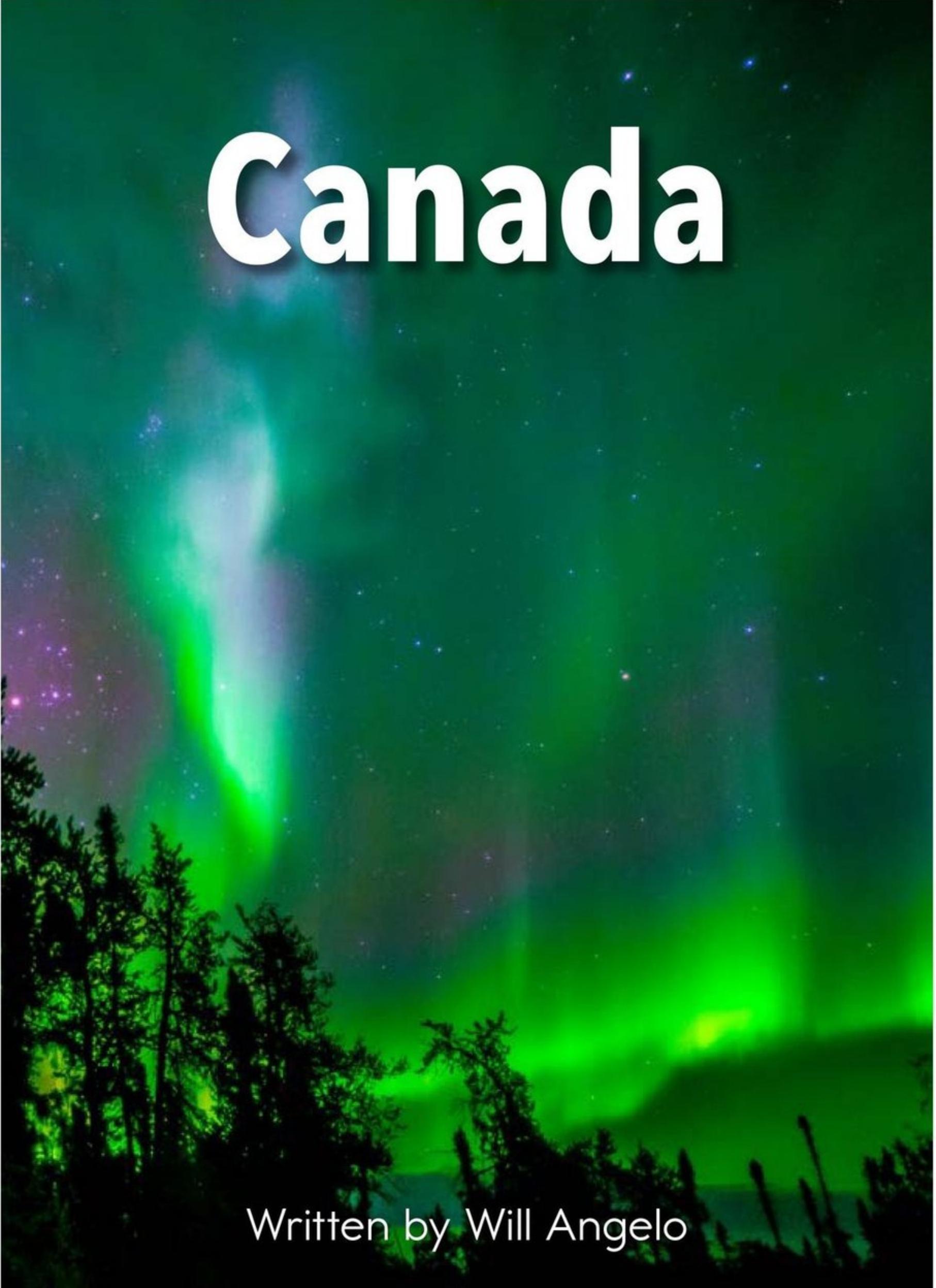
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The background image shows a vibrant green and purple aurora borealis (Northern Lights) dancing across a dark night sky. Silhouettes of evergreen trees are visible in the foreground against the bright, glowing lights.

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## Focus Question

What makes Canada  
an interesting country?

# Words to Know

capital

landforms

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plains

festivals

steep

Front cover: Canoes are docked on a mountain lake in Canada.

Title page: The northern lights make the sky glow in Canada.

Page 3: Inuit children are dressed in Native clothing in Canada.

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## Canada



### Where Is It?

Canada is the biggest country  
in North America.

It is so big that it reaches  
from the Atlantic Ocean  
to the Pacific Ocean.

Canada is farther north  
than most other countries.

Canada has only one neighbor,  
the United States.

Ottawa is the country's **capital**.

The city's buildings are fun to visit.



People ice-skate on a river  
in the capital city, Ottawa.



Lots of people live in cities in Canada (top). Other people live in small towns (bottom).

## People

Nearly all Canadians speak French, English, or both.

People come from far-away countries to live in Canada.

Together, all of these different people make Canada strong. Most Canadians live in big cities in the south of Canada. Few people live in the far north.



People gather in Canada to watch a parade.

## Regions of Canada



## Land

Canada has many different landforms.

In the west are rows of **steep** mountains.

Then there are flat or rolling plains.

A high flat area with thousands of lakes is in the middle.

The land in the south is where  
most of the cities are.

In the east are hills.

In the north, the land is covered  
with ice and snow.





## Animals

Some animals live only  
in the cold north.

Others live only in the mountains  
or forests.

Polar bears and baby harp seals  
live in the north.

They both have white fur  
to hide on the snow.

Big sheep live in the mountains.  
They have feet that help them  
climb rocks.

Many animals in Canada move  
in winter and spring.

Canada geese fly south  
every winter.

They return in the spring  
when it is warmer.



Canada geese fly in the shape of a V.



People walk past a snow castle in Quebec.

## Celebrations

All across Canada, people **celebrate** winter.

There are **festivals** for ice-skating and ice carving.

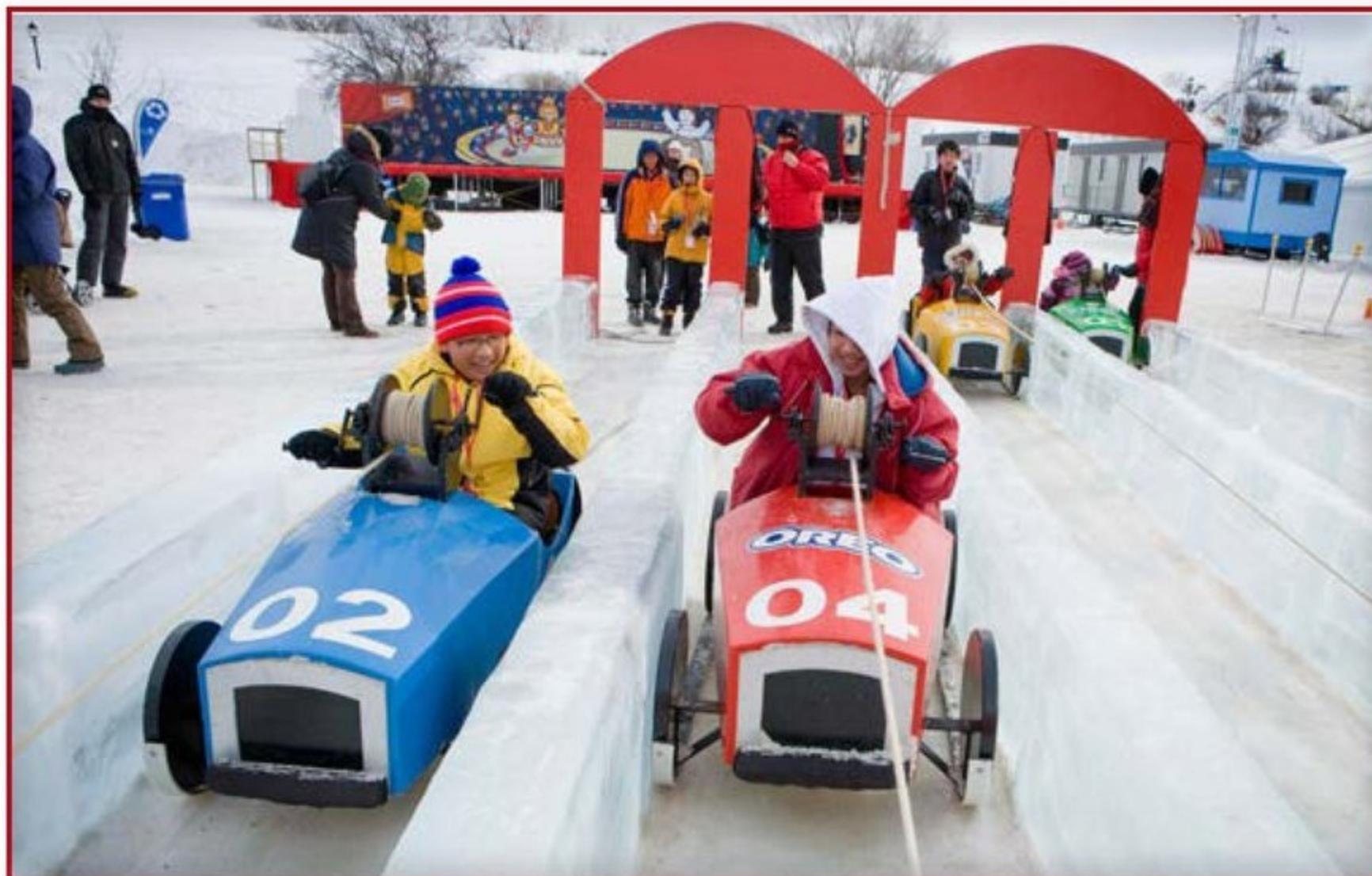
There are dogsled races across the snow.



People ice-skate on a river at a winter festival in Ottawa.

The biggest winter festival  
is in Quebec City.

There is an ice castle to visit  
and games to play.



People enjoy a sleigh ride and a race on the ice  
at a Canadian festival.



A hockey player plays the game (left). Canadians watch their team play (below). Hockey is the main sport in Canada.



## Conclusion

Canada is a very big country with many different landforms and animals.

It has many different people, too. Canadians say their differences make them strong.



**Population:** 36,048,521

**Land:** 9,984,670 square kilometers  
(3,855,103 sq. mi.)

**Capital City:** Ottawa

**Official Languages:** English and French

**Currency:** Canadian dollar



Source: Central Intelligence Agency (March 2016), World Bank

## **Glossary**

<b>capital</b> (n.)	the city where a government's main offices are located (p. 5)
<b>celebrate</b> (v.)	to do something special to honor an event (p. 12)
<b>festivals</b> (n.)	celebrations or organized series of cultural events (p. 12)
<b>landforms</b> (n.)	natural formations on Earth's surface, such as valleys, plateaus, mountains, plains, or hills (p. 8)
<b>plains</b> (n.)	large stretches of flat or rolling land, usually with few trees; prairies (p. 8)
<b>steep</b> (adj.)	rising or falling quickly or sharply; having a slope that is almost straight up and down (p. 8)

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## Connections

### Writing

Write a paragraph telling why you think Canadians celebrate winter. Include facts about how they celebrate winter and information about their festivals.

### Social Studies and Art

Make a map of Canada. On the map, label three cities, oceans around Canada, and at least one major landform.



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