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The Algonquin Park Visitor Centre Self-Guided Human History Tour

Welcome to the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre. This building was opened in 1993 to celebrate Algonquin's first one hundred years as a Park. Through this activity sheet, park visitors will gain a better appreciation of Algonquin Park's fascinating human history. Please answer the questions, fill in the blank(s), or circle the correct response.

THE PARK AND US

Many people imagine that Algonquin is an untouched wilderness. In fact, we humans have been associated with the Park area for thousands of years. During this time we have both changed it and been changed by it. Tour the second half of the exhibits and discover the people who have helped to shape Algonquin Park.

1. *The First Visitors*

- a) Name three food items the Grandfather is preparing. _____

- b) During what season did many families disperse into the rugged highlands of the Park to hunt?
[SPRING or SUMMER or AUTUMN or WINTER]

2. *Avoidance, Delusions, and Dreams*

- a) Which of the following explorer(s) set foot inside the current boundaries of Algonquin Park?
[CHAMPLAIN (1615) or CATTY (1818) or SHIREFF (1829) or THOMPSON (1837)]
- b) "Only in the _____s did the first _____ push into what is now the Park. Some came looking for ' _____ ' to link the Ottawa River with Georgian Bay."

3. *The Sound of Axes*

- a) Logger's arrived in the Algonquin area in _____, _____ years before the Park was established.
- b) Name two species of trees lumbermen were interested in cutting. _____
- c) Today about _____ of the Park area continues to be logged.

4. *Why a Park?*

- a) In what year was Algonquin Park established? _____

5. *Farms and Villages in Algonquin?*

- a) _____ farms were areas of cleared land used to grow basic crops.
- b) Algonquin Park has had 10 _____ within its borders and 3 associated _____.
- c) What happened to the Staniforth Company mill in the village of Kiosk? _____

6. *A Ranger's Work Was Never Done*

- a) Name four tasks an early Park Rangers might accomplish. _____

- b) In 1933 what helped to reduce the problem of illegal trapping in the Park? _____
- c) "Until 1958 rangers, shot, trapped, and sometimes even poisoned wolves in the mistaken belief that this would _____".
- d) Name 6 species of animals that rangers have shipped to areas outside Algonquin Park to help restore wildlife populations. _____

7. All Aboard!

- a) What railway was completed by timber baron J.R. Booth in 1896? _____
- b) Name four things these trains would have carried. _____
- c) The last train chugged out of the Park on this rail line in _____.

8. Will that be Fishing or Tennis?

- a) "The way we humans enjoy Algonquin have changed dramatically since 1893. Once we came by _____; now we come by _____. Once we all stayed in _____; now most of us _____ or just come for the _____".
- b) "Between 1905 and 1954, the Ontario government leased over 600 _____ in Algonquin and about _____ remain today."
- c) "The first _____ in North America opened in 1908 on Cache Lake. A dozen other _____ have followed."

9. Tom Thomson

- a) Name three occupations that Tom Thomson was noted for? _____
- b) Where and when did Tom Thomson die? _____

10. A Lonely Job But A Great View!

- a) These tall towers located throughout the Park were used to locate _____.
- b) Who visited the man in the Crow Lake tower? _____
- c) Towers were eventually replaced by less costly and more efficient _____.

11. Fighting the Enemy

- a) "Forest fires are a natural part of the environment and some trees and wildlife species even _____".
- b) In todays Algonquin, modern techniques have made fire almost _____.

12. How You Got Here

- a) "Over _____ people and _____ cars visited Algonquin Park when _____ was completed in 1936, as a make work project in the Great Depression."
- b) Today "you are one of over _____ who will use Highway 60 this year to visit and stay in a Highway 60 Corridor campground, or set out on a canoe trip into the Park Interior."