

# UNIT 3

## OUR HOME AND NATIVE LAND

### READING A

#### The Niagara Story

1 How do waterfalls occur? Select the correct word from the list below to complete each of the sentences in order to get a simple answer.

landscape • occur • flows • cliffs • made • surface • moved •  
eroded • pressures • direction • ways • shifted

1. Waterfalls ..... when water ..... over a cliff. The ..... can be formed in different .....
2. Glaciers may have ..... across the land, making grooves in the .....
3. The Earth's surface may have ..... and broken because of ..... building up underground.
4. Land may have been ....., or eaten away, by water.
5. Volcanic lava and ice jams may have ..... barriers in rivers, causing them to change ..... and make new channels in the .....

2 Read the following text with special attention to the words in bold.

Niagara Falls is one of the most famous and spectacular natural wonders in the world. Imagine ton after ton of spraying, foaming, rushing water thunderously plunging some 52 metres downwards into the Niagara River below. It is the combination of height and volume that makes Niagara falls so beautiful. More than 168,000 cubic metres of water tumble down every minute during the peak daytime hours in the tourist season. At night and during the rest of the year, the flow is cut in half and the water is divided equally for gen-

erating hydro-electricity. Hydro-electric plants along the Niagara River continue to provide power to substantial parts of southern Ontario and northern New York State.

The word Niagara comes from the Indian word "onguiaahra," which means "the throat" or according to some linguists, "the thunderer". Long ago, the area around the Falls was settled by the Neutrals, a peaceful Indian tribe that remained neutral in the wars between the Hurons to the north and the Iroquois to the south. The Neutrals were gentle peo-





Niagara Falls

The splendid waterfall is the foundation upon which a multifaceted tourism

Maid of the Mist boats. Below the Horseshoe Falls by one of the jackets, he was unharmed and rescued Falls. Miraculously, wearing only a life Woodword accidentally went over the as \$10,000. In 1960, seven-year-old Roger such stunts: people can be fined as high There is now a powerful disincentive to the Falls and four of them were killed. thrill-seekers followed Mrs Taylor over earn much money from her stunt. 13 over the Falls. Unfortunately she did not become rich and famous by "barrelling" the Horseshoe Falls. She hoped to become the first daredevil to plunge over Annie Taylor, who was 63 at the time, the Falls. In 1901 a schoolteacher named make themselves famous by challenging Women as well as men attempted to shoe Falls.

the snake mortally, which returned to the river to die. According to the legend, the serpent twisted into a curved shape as it died, and that shape became the Horse-

save themselves. The villagers wounded Lela and told the people how they could water. Lela's spirit returned to her village in the river was poisoning the people's the village. A giant evil serpent that lived told her what was causing the sickness in the village. They rescued her and her death. But Hinu's sons took pity on left to drift over the edge of the Falls to please Hinu. She was put into a canoe and rifice the daughter of Chief Eagle Eye to stop the sickness the tribe decided to sacrifice the daughter of Chief Eagle Eye to Sickness had befallen the village. To as the Maid of the Mist. This is her story:

and now lives under the Falls and reigns Lela who was sacrificed for her tribe ships are named after an Indian princess of the magnificent Horseshoe Falls. The of the Mist" will take you into the basin Today a number of ships called "Maid a sacred place for the Neutrals.

behind the Falls. This made Niagara Falls who lived with his two sons in a cave the sun. Hinu was the Great Thunderer who commanded the wind, the rain, and ple who believed in the powers of gods



industry has been built. Currently the Niagara Region is home to a score of major attractions including the Maid of the Mist boat tour, the Marineland amusement park, 32 golf courses, a race track and abundant park lands. Two recent attractions, Casino Niagara and the Niagara Parks Commission Butterfly

Conservatory have recently provided a significant boost to the Region's tourism profile. The Butterfly Conservatory features over 2000 free-flying butterflies in a lush rainforest setting. The Niagara Wine Region with 40 wineries has encouraged extended visitations by tourists.

**1** The legend of the Maid of the Mist is told in many different ways. This is one of them. Make a sentence out of each group of words to reveal another interpretation of the story.

1 Long ago • the Niagara River • the peaceful tribe • beside • the Ongiaras • of • lived

2 dying • For • an • Indians • unknown • were • reason

3 It • must appease • was • that • the • believed • tribe • Thunder God Hinu • the • who • lived • with • in a cave • two sons • behind • his • the Falls.

4 At first • with fruit • the Indians • flowers and game • laden • sent • canoes • over • but • continued • the Falls • dying • the

5 to sacrifice • then • the most • The Indians • maiden • began • beautiful • of the tribe • a ceremonial feast • selected • during • who was • once a year

6 chosen • One year • of • Chief Eagle Ey • Lelawala • daughter • was



7. On the • Lelawala • appeared • above • on the • appointed day • bank • the Falls • river  
• wearing – hair • woodland • her • in • flowers

8. death • She • and • stepped • into • white • plunged • a • canoe • to • over • her • the

Falls

9. Hinu's • arms • each • her • two sons • Lelawala • their • in • desired • and • caught

10. her people • She promised • what evil • to accept • who • her • told • the one • killing •

was

11. of the river • The • bottom • at the • younger brother • a giant • her • told • that lay • of

• snake • water

12. Once • water • he • a year • grew • the • hungry • monster • and • snake • and • at

might • village • poisoned • the • entered

13. dead • then • The • snake • devoured • the

14. serpent • told • her • In • Lelawala • spirit • people • to • the • destroy

15. braves • Indian • mortally • on his • wounded • the snake • next • village • yearly • visit

• the • to

16. Returning and • river • forming •
- 4 Match the have 2 adject
1. curved
  2. spectacular
  3. powerful
  4. natural
  5. foaming
  6. magnificent
  7. rushing
  8. evil
- 1 The big River not far are the name of one word of the name
1. Seneca
  2. Cayuga
  3. Onondaga
  4. Oneida
  5. Mohawk
  6. Tuscarora
- 2 What ob The word m identity of a of such a sp

Falls • river

16. Returning • river • the snake • to his lair • caught • on the • his head • side • of the •  
and • river • on the other • his tail • the Horseshoe Falls • the brink • and • a semi-circle  
• forming • on one

• her • the

Match the following adjectives with the nouns they go with in the text. (3 of the nouns have 2 adjectives each.)

1. curved

9. sacred

a. wonder

i. tribe

2. spectacular

10. gentle

b. shape

j. rainforest

3. powerful

11. peaceful

c. falls

k. butterflies

4. natural

12. giant

d. water

l. tourism industry

5. foaming

13. multifaceted

e. place

m. park lands

6. magnificent

14. abundant

f. disincentive

7. rushing

15. free-flying

g. serpent

8. evil

16. lush

h. people

## READING B

### First Nations

The biggest Indian reserve in Canada is the Iroquois Six Nations Reserve of the Grand River not far from Niagara Falls. These six nations are linked by language and culture. Here are the names of the six Indian nations together with the meaning of their names. The letters of one word in each line are scrambled. Put them in the right order to find out the meaning of the names.

1. Seneca

People of the Great n-m-t-o-u-i-a-n

2. Cayuga

People of the p-p-i-e

3. Onondaga

People of the s-l-l-i-h

4. Oneida

People of the g-s-n-d-t-i-n-a Stone

5. Mohawk

People of the t-f-n-l-i

6. Tuscarora

w-s-e-v-a-r-e of the Shirt

What object does this definition describe?

The word means a spirit, either natural or ancestral, that watches over and often provides the identity of a people, a tribe, a clan. The word also refers to a carved or painted representation of such a spirit, in the form of a person, animal, plant or mythological being.