

Answers to Yukon Territory Quizzes

Test Your Knowledge

What do you remember from your review of the Yukon section of the E-Atlas?

1. Human activity in Yukon probably dates back at least
 - a) 150 years
 - b) 1200 years
 - c) 20 000 years**
 - d) 2 million years

2. Yukon joined Confederation
 - a) in 1896
 - b) before Saskatchewan**
 - c) in 1867
 - d) in 2001

3. Probably the most significant factor in attracting people to Yukon was
 - a) caribou
 - b) gold**
 - c) natural gas
 - d) tourism

4. Which of the following does *not* have a boundary with Yukon?
 - a) Alberta**
 - b) Northwest Territories
 - c) British Columbia
 - d) Alaska

5. The physical feature which dominates Yukon is
 - a) The Canadian Shield
 - b) The Western Cordillera**
 - c) The Interior Plains
 - d) The Arctic Lowlands

6. The land bridge joining Yukon, Alaska, and eastern Russia was probably formed as a result of
 - a) warmer temperatures in the area
 - b) a lack of precipitation in the area
 - c) the movement of caribou
 - d) lower sea levels and lower precipitation levels**

7. Which of the following statements best describes the population patterns of Yukon over the past 100 years?
 - a) steady growth
 - b) stagnant growth
 - c) decrease in population followed by recent increases**
 - d) fluctuating growth

8. Which of the following authors is most associated with life in Yukon?
- a) Robert Frost
 - b) Robert Service**
 - c) Pierre Burton
 - d) Susan Aglukark
9. In how many months might Whitehorse be “snow-free” on average?
- a) none
 - b) one**
 - c) two
 - d) three
10. The biggest sector of the economy of Yukon is
- a) mining
 - b) agriculture
 - c) services**
 - d) trapping and forestry
11. The most significant type of vegetation in Yukon is
- a) mountain forests
 - b) tundra
 - c) boreal forests**
 - d) grasslands
12. Which of the following Canadian national parks is *not* located in Yukon?
- a) Nahanni**
 - b) Kluane
 - c) Ivvavik
 - d) Vuntut

Practise Your Skills

Interpret maps and other data. Where necessary, use information in the Pearson School Atlas to answer these questions.

13. In size, the Yukon is closest to:

- a) **Iraq**
- b) Kenya
- c) Mexico
- d) Libya

14. The Yukon River is the largest river in the territory. The Yukon River drains into

- a) the Beaufort Sea
- b) the Gulf of Alaska
- c) **the Pacific Ocean**
- d) the Arctic Ocean

15. The temperature at Whitehorse in January is closest to that of

- a) Churchill
- b) **Winnipeg**
- c) Dawson
- d) Toronto

16. The total precipitation in Whitehorse is closest to that of

- a) Winnipeg
- b) Resolute
- c) **Kabul (Afghanistan)**
- d) Calgary

Research to Discover...

Use resources at your school library or on the Internet to find the answers to these questions. (Hint: the search engines at www.google.ca or www.yahooligans.com might be helpful.)

17. One of the mega-projects under consideration is the Alaska Pipeline. The purpose of this pipeline is
 - a) to bring oil out from Yukon
 - b) to bring natural gas out from the Beaufort Sea area**
 - c) to bring oil and natural gas into Yukon to stimulate the economy
 - d) to bring oil and natural gas to Alaska to stimulate the economy

18. The total value of the Klondike Gold Rush (1896–1899) was approximately
 - a) \$40 million**
 - b) \$400 million
 - c) \$4 000 million
 - d) \$40 000 million

19. Yukon is the home to
 - a) sourdoughs
 - b) cheechakos
 - c) the world's smallest desert
 - d) all of the above**

20. The population of the Yukon contains about 29 000 people and
 - a) 6 times as many caribou as people**
 - b) more polar bears than people
 - c) more grizzly bears than people
 - d) more buffalo than people

Suggested Answers to Student Activities

1. Changes over the century 1901–2001 involve a “bubble” at the beginning—an overflow from the Klondike Gold Rush—then a drop, then pretty stagnant growth (particularly during the 1930s), and then an increase in recent years, mostly associated with the mineral developments and tourism developments in the area. The one-page report could be assessed using Assessment Master 11 Research Report (page 460 in the *Pearson School Atlas Teacher Resource*) or Assessment Master 6 Statistical Analysis (page 456 in the *Pearson School Atlas Teacher Resource*).

2. Assessment Master 11 Research Report (page 460 in the *Pearson School Atlas Teacher Resource*) can be used with this activity.

The “content” component can be assessed using Assessment Master 13 Supported Opinion Writing (page 463 in the *Pearson School Atlas Teacher Resource*) and the “process” element can be assessed using Assessment Master 14 Working Co-operatively (page 464 in the *Pearson School Atlas Teacher Resource*). If the reports on the Gold Rush are presented orally, they can be assessed using Assessment Master 8 Oral Report (page 459 in the *Pearson School Atlas Teacher Resource*).

4. The list of words will be specific to the poem chosen. The outline of the reflection of life in Yukon should be assessed using Assessment Master 13 Supported Opinion Writing (page 463 in the *Pearson School Atlas Teacher Resource*).