



One of the Governor General's functions is to represent Canada and Canadians abroad and maintain good relations with other countries. For example, the Governor General makes official visits and, on behalf of all Canadians, welcomes members of the Royal Family, Heads of State and other dignitaries on official visits to Ottawa. Also, in order to have a living memory of their visit or to mark important anniversaries or the contribution of Governors General, trees are planted on the grounds of Rideau Hall.

Governor General Jules Léger and Mrs. Léger during a State visit to Spain (1978)

- 1 In which year was the first ceremonial tree planted? To find the answer, solve the following equations and write your answers in the appropriate order:

a) $10 + 2 - 11 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ b) $2 \times 4 + 1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
 c) $8 \div 4 - 2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ d) $7 - 4 \times 2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ Year:

Tree Tales

- 2 Ceremonial trees are selected to withstand the Canadian climate. They are mainly hardwood trees, although there are a few softwoods. Discover the trees planted most often at Rideau Hall during official events by identifying the following leaves and fruits to the right. Write the letter beside the name.

Choice of answers

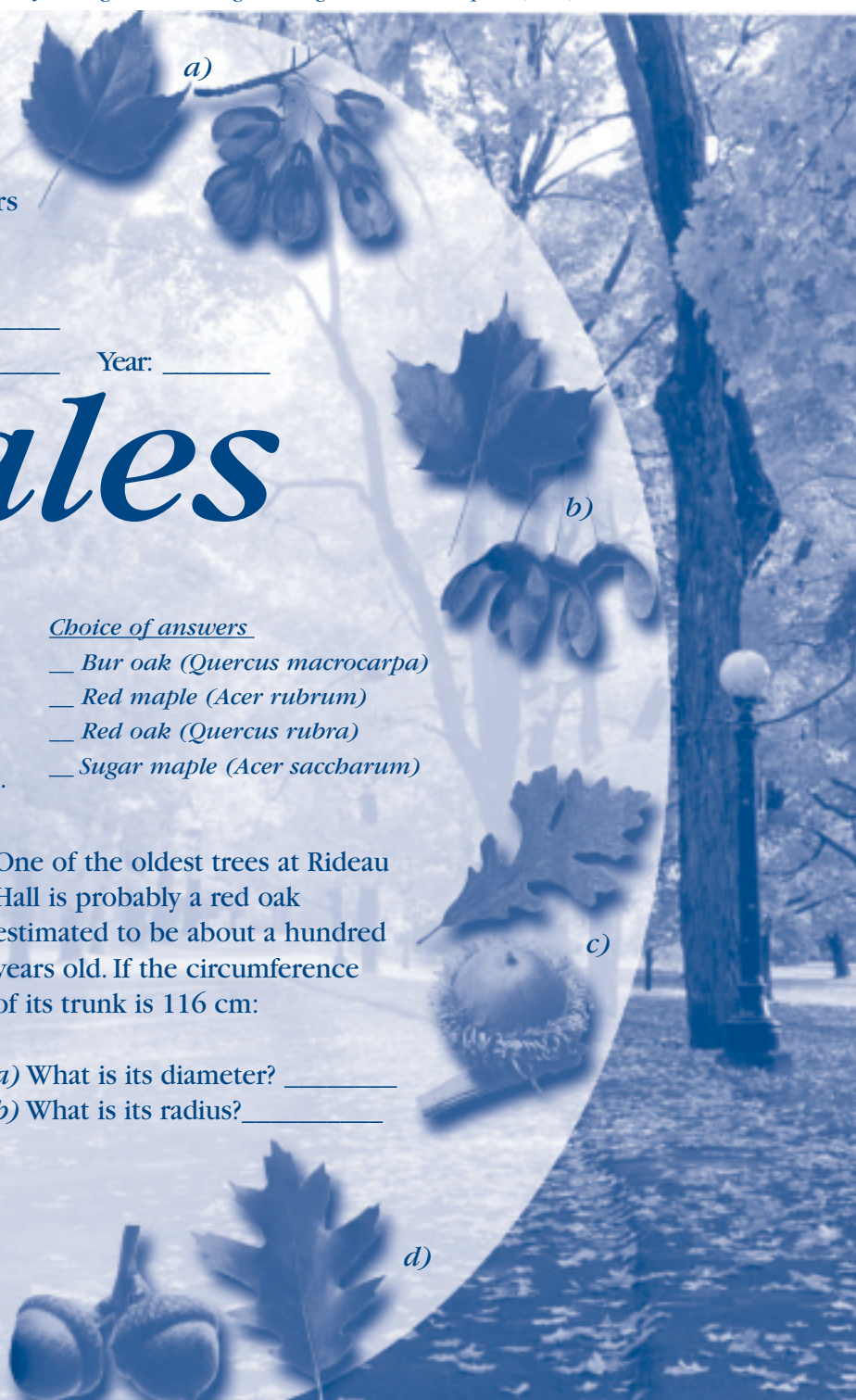
- ☐ Bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)
- ☐ Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)
- ☐ Red oak (*Quercus rubra*)
- ☐ Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*)



Governor General Edward Schreyer during the planting of a tree to mark his term of office at Rideau Hall

- 3 One of the oldest trees at Rideau Hall is probably a red oak estimated to be about a hundred years old. If the circumference of its trunk is 116 cm:

- a) What is its diameter?
 b) What is its radius?



- 4 Do a research project on one or more events or personalities associated with a tree-planting ceremony at Rideau Hall. Use the following table as a resource:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Tree planted</i>	<i>Year planted</i>
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II	Red maple	1957
John F. Kennedy, President of the United States	Red oak	1961
75th Anniversary of Scouts of Canada	Norway maple	1982
Boutros Boutros-Ghali, United Nations Secretary-General	Sugar maple	1995
Nelson Mandela, President of the Republic of South Africa	Sugar maple	1998



Nelson Mandela during his visit to Rideau Hall (1998)



John F. Kennedy during the planting of a tree in his name (1961)

Diplomatic Letters

As part of his/her diplomatic functions, the Governor General receives heads of diplomatic missions on their arrival in Canada. During a ceremony at Rideau Hall, new heads of mission present the Governor General with the documents entitling them to perform their duties in the country. Complete the following statements:

The a) _____ of South Africa to Canada presents Letters of b) _____ to the c) _____.

The d) _____ of France to Canada presents Letters of e) _____ to the f) _____.

The g) _____ of the United Kingdom to Canada presents Letters of h) _____ to the i) _____.

The j) _____ of Canada in France presents Letters of k) _____ to the l) _____, authorizing him/her to perform his/her duties in the country.

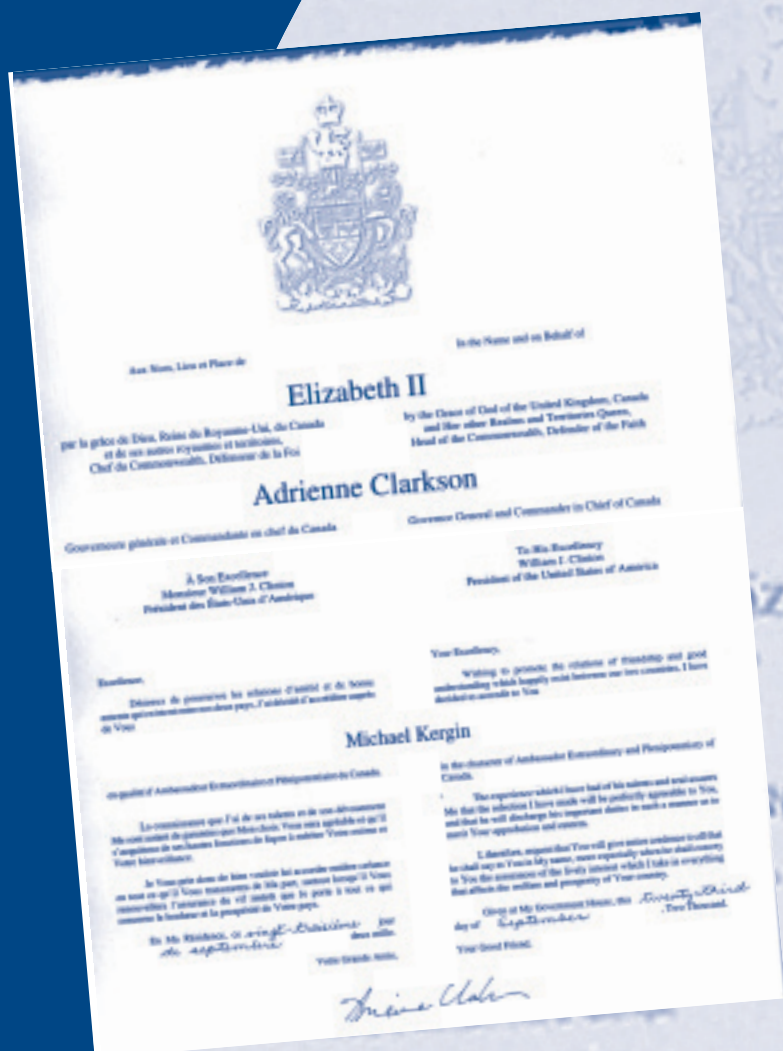
Choice of answers

N.B.: The same answer may apply more than once.

- *Ambassador*
- *Commission*
- *Credence*
- *Governor General of Canada*
- *High Commissioner*
- *Introduction*
- *President of France*
- *Prime Minister of Canada*

Diplomatic Detective

You are invited to Rideau Hall to attend a ceremony when Letters of Credence or of Commission (left) will be presented. To prepare for this event, complete an information sheet with the following general information about the country that will be represented by the Ambassador or High Commissioner in question. Select a country of your choice.



COUNTRY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Official name: _____
 Capital: _____
 Population: _____
 Main languages: _____
 Life expectancy: _____
 Literacy rate: _____

POLITICAL INFORMATION

Head of State: _____
 Head of Government: _____
 Minister of Foreign Affairs: _____
 Minister of Trade: _____

ECONOMIC INFORMATION

Currency: _____
 Gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate: _____
 Principal exports: _____
 Principal countries to which products and services are exported: _____
 Principal imports: _____
 Principal countries from which products and services are imported: _____
 GDP: _____
 GDP per capita: _____

Source: Department of Foreign Affairs