



Harbours to Highlands

A Geography Manual

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Introduction

On this cold, rainy, June day on the South Shore of Nova Scotia, and after one of the worse winters in a long time, my mind is on the topic of weather.

Weather affects us daily – when to plan special outings, when to plant without the risk of frost, when to be extra careful when traveling. Understanding weather and climates is an important aspect of geography.

Knowing the physical geography of the world is also essential. Every time you turn on the TV or radio or pick up a newspaper, you hear of events happening in other places. By looking on a map, globe, or atlas, we are broadening our knowledge and opening our eyes.

Harbours to Highlands gives learners an opportunity to learn about many aspects of geography – from the early map-makers to the depletion of the ozone layer to the planets in our solar system.

The stories in *Harbours to Highlands* are written using language and structure appropriate to Level 1 and 2 of the Nova Scotia Academic Upgrading Curriculum. Most stories have two versions – the first versions contain more detailed information while the second versions, appearing under different titles, are much simpler and meant for lower level learners.

The stories are accompanied by questions and exercises to strengthen grammar, comprehension, and math skills. The editors urge tutors and learners to adapt or enhance exercises to meet their needs. An answer key is provided in a separate section toward the back of the manual. If copies of the material are required, tutors and learners are encouraged to photocopy as necessary.

We hope you find *Harbours to Highlands* useful in meeting your educational goals.

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