



Student worksheet 2: Family size changes in Canada, 1881 to 1961

Part A: Find the trends from the statistics

Look up information on family size in Canada and in a province of your choice. Be sure to focus on the information about persons per family, not persons per household. Fill in the table below. Find a pattern in the data and use the data to reach conclusions about what was happening to the size of the average family in Canada and in a province of your choice.

	Average number of persons per family in Canada	Average number of persons per family in _____ (province)
1881		
1901		
1921		
1941		
1951		
1961		

Source: Use Table 13 on page 113 of the *Canada Year Book 1927/1928* to fill in the parts of the worksheet for 1881, 1901 and 1921. Use Table 23 on page 126 of the *Canada Year Book 1947* to fill in the parts of the worksheet for 1941. Use Table 21 on page 201 of the *Canada Year Book 1967* to fill in the parts of the worksheet for 1951 and 1961.

Here is our summary of the trend we see in the number of persons per family during the period from 1881 to 1961.

In all of Canada, the average number of persons in each family changed from _____ in 1881 to _____ in 1961.

In the province of _____, the average number of persons in each family changed from _____ in 1881 to _____ in 1961.

Part B: Do the research for the tableaux

Which year, from 1881 to 1961, have you chosen to portray in your tableaux?

Describe the typical size of a family from that year and who the members of the family might be.

Describe what the typical appearance and clothing of members a family from that year might be.

Describe what the typical activities of a large family might be.

Develop and describe the characters and family activities you will portray in the tableaux. Develop and describe a plot, if possible.
