



Capital Neighbourhoods Lesson Plan

Centretown Story

There is a garden outside my bedroom window at the back of the house. In the morning I wake up and can hear the birds singing. ***What can you hear when you wake up in the morning?***

I get dressed and go for a walk. Across the street from my house is Dundonald Park. There are a lot of nice trees growing in the park and it has a very fun looking playground. ***What do you see when you leave your house?*** I can see two dogs playing and hear them barking. There is a group of elderly Chinese people in the park doing Tai Chi (a kind of exercise) and singing a song in Chinese. ***What languages are spoken in your neighbourhood? What are the cultures of the people who live there?***

I wait to cross Somerset Street. It is very busy with a lot of traffic. ***What is the busiest spot in your neighbourhood?*** I see an OC Transpo bus and a Police car go by. Up the street I can see a school bus picking up children. ***What sort of work vehicles do you see in your neighbourhood?***

I cross Somerset Street and walk up Bay Street. I walk past Centennial Public School. When I get to Albert Street I can see many tall office buildings, apartment buildings and hotels. ***What sort of buildings are in your neighbourhood?*** I walk past a pizza shop and a corner store and then turn right onto Albert Street to go to the Sconewitch where I buy some scones and tea for breakfast. ***What sorts of stores and businesses are in your neighbourhood?***

Soon it's time to go to work and I walk up Bay Street to Wellington Street. I walk along Wellington Street past the Parliament Buildings until I come to the stairs that lead down to the Ottawa Locks of the Rideau Canal. I take a couple of minutes to watch the squirrels, ducks, sparrows and groundhogs. One time I even saw a beaver! ***What sort of wild animals do you see in your neighbourhood?*** Then I go into the Bytown Museum, Ottawa's oldest stone building where I work.

After work I walk home. My family decides they want to go out for supper. We wander down Somerset Street into Chinatown to our favourite Chinese restaurant. ***What sort of restaurants are in your neighbourhood?*** After dinner we go for a walk in Dundonald Park before it gets dark.