

## **News Events of 1999**

1. In July 1999, a plane piloted by John F. Kennedy, Jr. crashed off the resort island of Martha's Vineyard. In which US state is Martha's Vineyard located?
2. In the spring of 1999, Canada welcomed a number of refugees from Kosovo who were fleeing the conflict in that area. Canadian Armed Forces personnel helped bring this conflict to an end. On which continent is Kosovo located?
3. In July and August of 1999, Canada hosted the Pan-American Games. Which Canadian city hosted this event?
4. During the summer of 1999, coast guard officials intercepted a rusty old ship that was trying to smuggle illegal immigrants into Canada. Along which coast of Canada was this vessel caught.
5. In June 1999, a royal wedding took place in Windsor Castle. In which country did this event take place?
6. In the spring of 1999, Nelson Mandela stepped down as head of state in a country in which he led the fight to end apartheid. What is the name of this country?
7. In the spring of 1999, famous sports star Wayne Gretzky retired from professional hockey. In which Canadian city did Wayne Gretzky grow up?
8. During the summer of 1999, a group of RCMP re-enacted a 1,300 km trek that took place 125 years ago. The trek began at Fort Dufferin in Emerson, MB, and travelled to Fort Whoop-up. The purpose of the original trek was to bring law and order to the region and reinforce Canada's claim to this area. In which province is Fort Whoop-up?
9. On April 1 of 1999, Canada welcomed a new political jurisdiction to our nation: Nunavut. Which community serves as the capital of Nunavut?
10. In the spring of 1999, there was a major disaster in the 11 km long Mont Blanc Tunnel when a truck caught on fire. This tunnel speeds up land travel between France and Italy. Under which mountain range does the Mont Blanc Tunnel run?

### **Answers:**

**1. Massachusetts; 2. Europe; 3. Winnipeg (MB); 4. the west coast or Pacific coast; 5. United Kingdom (accept *Great Britain*, but point out that the correct country name is the *UK*; do not accept *England*); 6. South Africa; 7. Brantford (ON); 8. Alberta; 9. Iqaluit (NU); 10. the Alps.**