

Welcome to Paldi

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Word count: 144

(pp. 3–4, not including the labels or captions)

Overview

Maya learns from her great-grandparents about Paldi, a multicultural village founded in British Columbia by a Sikh immigrant in the early 1900s.

Genre

Informational Fiction

Vocabulary

Words that might require clarification include *Coast Salish, cultures, First Nations, great-grandma, great-grandpa, one-room schoolhouse, road trip, Scottish*, and *traditional land*. Additional words are defined in the glossary.

Text Features

Afterword, boldface type, captions, fact box, glossary, headings, italics, labels, map, photos, pronunciation guides, table of contents

Characteristics of Genres

After reading, consider discussing with students how this book is an example of **informational fiction**—a fictional story used to communicate factual information. Ask: *What text features in the book are usually found only in non-fiction books? How might this book be different if it were a non-fiction book about Paldi?*

eBook Activities

Using Text Features (page 3); **Activating Prior Knowledge** (page 8); **Summarizing** (page 15)

Extensions

Predicting: Before reading, you could invite students to look at the book's front cover and table of contents. Explain that Paldi was a village in Canada. Together, read and discuss the Big Ideas. Then ask: *What do you think might happen in this story? What might you learn about Paldi?*

Using Text Features: Choose two visuals from the book that help you understand something about Paldi. What do they help you understand? Share the visuals and your ideas with a partner.

Synthesizing: Why was Paldi such an important and happy place for so many people? Write three to four sentences to share your thinking.

Making Connections: **AT HOME** Encourage students to talk with their family about traditions in their home. Are there any things they celebrate every year? How do they celebrate? Are there any traditions that are not celebrations, but happen again and again over time? You might point out that the discussion can include family traditions, which might be specific to just their family.

