

**The Elgin Settlement (Buxton) –
An Early Black Community in Southwestern Ontario**

Title: The Elgin Settlement (Buxton) – An Early Black Community in Southwestern Ontario

Subtitle: Research and Paragraph Writing

Duration: 2-3 classes

Best Course(s) Fit: History, Geography, The History of a Canadian Ethnic Group, English

Historical Question: What contributed to the success of the Elgin Settlement?

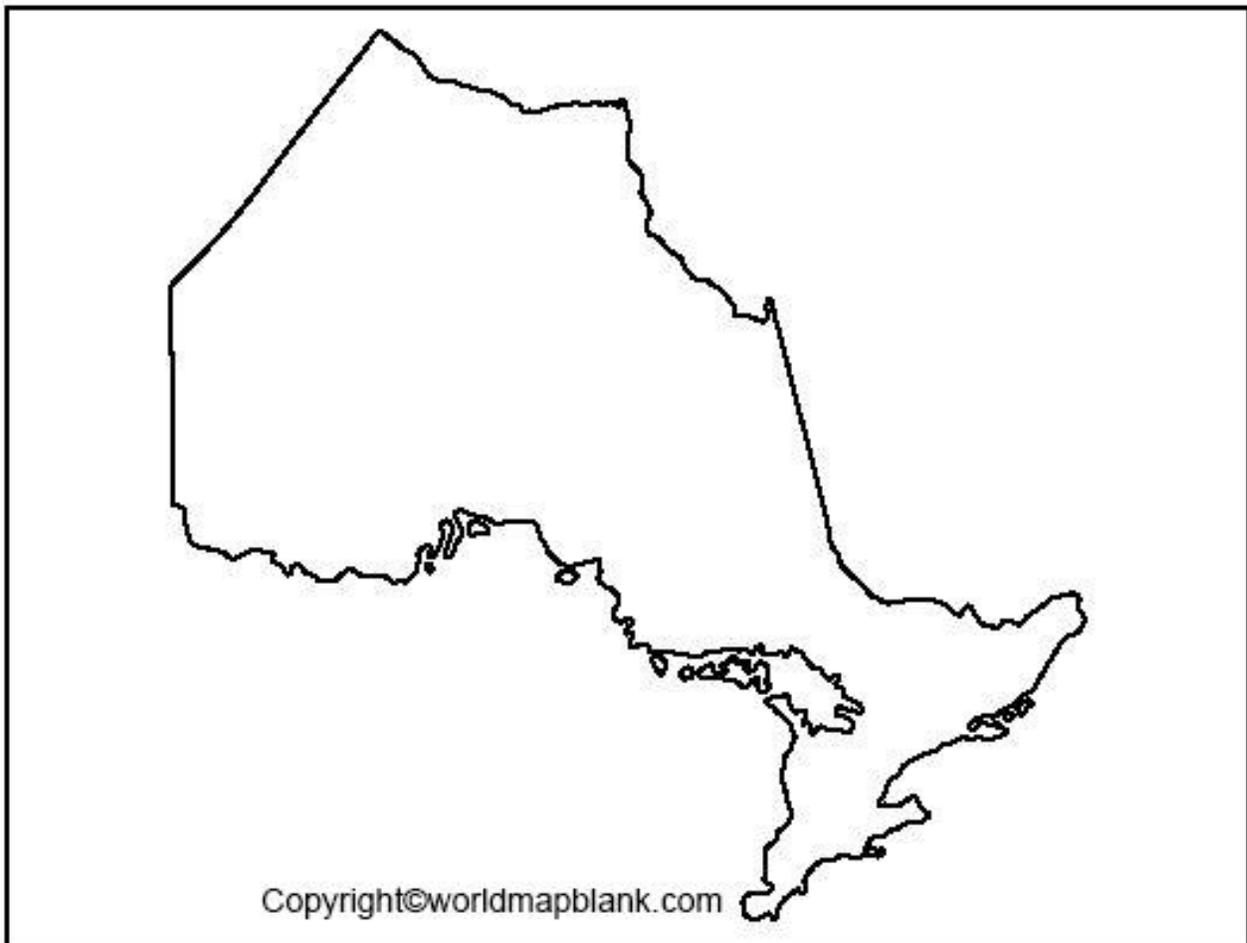
Part A. Visit: <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/elgin-settlement> and <http://www.buxtonmuseum.com/history/virtual-elgin-settlement.html> and read the information.

Part B. Complete the chart based upon the information you learned from both websites.

| Who founded it? When and why was it established? | Background Information/Location |
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| Challenges/Resistance to Settlement | Food/Crops |
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| Features/Amenities | Famous Buxton Residents |
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| Accomplishments/Successes | Interesting Facts (at least 5) |
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Part C. Label the Elgin Settlement (Buxton) on the map.



Source: <https://worldmapblank.com/blank-map-of-ontario/>

Part D. Respond to the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Who was the first resident of the Elgin Settlement?

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2. What did William King believe about Black people?

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3. The Buxton Mission School was built in 1850, just one year after the settlement was founded. What does this suggest about the settlers?

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4. Based on the events listed on the chart of the second website, what can you conclude about the settlers of the Elgin Settlement?

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5. How many families and settlers were there in 1853?

6. In 1856, how many children were attending the Buxton Schools?

7. What tragedy happened in 1859?

Part E. Paragraph Writing

What contributed to the success of the Elgin Settlement? You must use evidence from at least three sources to support your claims. Your paragraph must include:

- ✓ a topic sentence
- ✓ 3 details/examples and explanations
- ✓ a conclusion sentence