



The  
Nickel  
City

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**Did you know that Sudbury  
is the largest city in  
Northern Ontario?**

**Most people think of  
Sudbury as ‘the Nickel City’.  
This is because a meteorite  
crashed onto the earth  
about 1.8 billion years ago.**

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**When the meteorite landed, it created rich deposits of minerals, including nickel-copper sulphides. The area is known as the Sudbury Basin.**

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**Sudbury is the largest city in Northern Ontario. However, it started out as a small Jesuit settlement and as a stop on the newly constructed Canadian Pacific Railway.**

**This early Jesuit settlement was called “Sainte Anne des Pins.”**

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**When workers were blasting to build the railway, rich ore deposits were discovered.**

**People soon began to mine the ore. This discovery brought many to the area to work for the railway and to work for the mines.**

**Do you know anyone who worked in the mines?**

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**The superintendent for the railway, James Worthington, selected the name of this new town. He chose 'Sudbury' because this was the name of his wife's hometown in England. Sudbury officially became a town in 1893.**

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**Just a few years later, in 1901, Thomas Edison visited Sudbury. Edison is credited with discovering the ore body in Falconbridge.**

**Falconbridge mine is one of two large mining companies in Sudbury. Can you name the other? (It is Inco.)**

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**Falconbridge and Inco provided good jobs for many of the people living in Sudbury. The mines also provided some interesting experiences. Sometimes people would gather to watch slag being poured. Slag is a by-product of refining the ore.**

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**When slag was poured in the evening, it was quite an awesome sight.**

**The molten rock would look bright orange and red as it slid down the spout and cooled off.**

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**Falconbridge Mine and Inco used to be the top employers in Sudbury. Today there are more opportunities to work in education, health care and industry.**

**Sudbury is also known as the “Education Capital of the North.”**

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**There are three post-secondary institutes in Sudbury. Cambrian College is known for its beautiful blue fountain.**

**College Boreal is a French college that teaches people from all around the world.**

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**Laurentian University was founded on March 28, 1960. It is located on Ramsey Lake Road, near the Sudbury hospital. More recently, the university campus grew to include a medical school. There are now doctors being trained in Sudbury.**

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**Laurentian University is on the shores of Nepahwin Lake and Lake Laurentian. Did you know there are over three hundred lakes in Sudbury?**

**Many people enjoy going for boat rides in the summer and ice fishing in the winter. This makes Sudbury a wonderful place to live.**

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**Thanks for reading.**

**Would you like to do this  
again sometime?**