Mapping a Crossword

Introduction:
Introduce the CFL to students who are unfamiliar with it. Briefly discuss the structure and history of the CFL. Discuss the cities within which CFL franchises are located and the varied physical geography of each of those places.

Development:
Divide the class into groups of 2-3 students and give each group a sheet of graph paper and access to either an atlas or computer for research. Instruct students to create 15 clues revolving around the CFL’s franchise locations, team names and important people. Once they have their clues instruct them to design a crossword puzzle with the answers to their clues on their graph paper or with an appropriate website.

Conclusion:
Have students exchange and complete each other’s crossword puzzles.

Lesson extension:
Have students apply their new knowledge of how crosswords are created to identify clues for other subjects. Give students the opportunity to complete other crosswords and word puzzles.

Assessment/evaluation:
Students can be assessed on their ability to work individually or in groups and evaluated on their geographic knowledge of Canadian cities and provinces.

Additional resources:
Have your students make their crossword puzzles online (www.discoveryeducation.com/free-puzzlemaker).