

Sunflowers & British Home Children



Sunflowers are bright and inspire hope.



British Home Children came to Canada hoping for a brighter future.



As the **sunflower** grows, the flowers and leaves grow and face the sun in order to maximize photosynthesis. On sunny days, the stems elongate on the side of the stem away from the sun.



The immature (young) flowers and leaves follow the light of the sun throughout the day.

By the end of the day, the immature flowers are facing the west.

When there is no light, the other side of the stem grows and pushes the flower and leaves back to face the east at sunrise.

This is otherwise known as **heliotropism**. Mature flowers, leaves and plants do not turn to follow the light of the sun.



British Home Children got off their ships in the east and most travelled west into all parts of Canada.



Sunflowers are very strong and can endure various environments.



British Home Children had to be strong mentally, physically and emotionally and endured various living situations.



Sunflower seeds are encased in shells.



British Home Children on the most part kept their stories of their lives to themselves, encasing them within their hearts, minds & souls.



Sunflower seeds can be cracked open to reveal itself for others to share and appreciate.

British Home Children stories need to be cracked open, shared and appreciated.



Credit - The Ontario East British Home Child Family



This was a group effort and was created to be used by others nationwide and around the world.