

Summary of Points cont.

- Blondin crossed the Niagara Gorge on a tightrope 300 times.
- Nik Wallenda traveled over the waterfall by tightrope.
- There is a hydroelectric plant that uses the waterfalls to produce electricity.

Why It Matters

- Niagara Falls is the second-largest waterfall in the world.
- Niagara Falls attracts many tourists per year.
- Niagara Falls produces electricity in its hydroelectric plant.



Words to Know

tourists – people who come to visit a place for fun

mist – water droplets in the air

border – the imaginary line where one country ends and the next begins

poncho – a thin plastic raincoat with a big hood

gorge – a deep valley with steep cliffs on either side

daredevils – people who enjoy doing dangerous actions, sometimes to become famous or to make money

current – the movement of a river or other body of water

stunt – a daring and exciting action

tightrope – a thin rope, high up in the air, for someone to walk across

hydroelectric plant – a factory that turns water energy into electric energy so that it can be used for power



Did you know

It gets very cold at Niagara Falls in the winter. However, because the water in the waterfall moves so fast, the falls don't become ice. Instead, ice bridges, ice mounds, and small icebergs form. In 1848, large ice blocks blocked the current at the top of the waterfalls and the waterfall dried up for a few hours!