

Understanding Nationalism

Chapter Highlights

Chapter 1: Nation and Identity

This chapter explores the relationship between nation and identity. People express their identity through nation in different ways and these ways can change.

Chapter Issue: *Are nation and identity related?*

In this chapter you will learn about the following concepts:

- That different people have different views of *nation*;
- That a “civic concept” means that shared values are expressed by a constitution;
- That people express their identity in different ways; and,
- That there are national stories and myths which sometimes change.

Topics covered in this chapter include:

1. What are some concepts of nation?
2. What are some understandings of nation?
3. What is a civic nation?
4. In what ways can identity and nation be related?

You will apply these skills to your understanding of the relationship between nation and identity:

1. **Document** your ideas of nationalism through words or images.
2. **Explain** your choice of reasons that matches your thinking about nation.
3. **Examine** a map of Tibet to identify the physical features that isolated the Tibetan people.
4. **Rank** 8 understandings of nation according to the order of importance to you.
5. **Scan** the rights and freedoms from the Charter of Rights.
6. **Describe** your understanding of a civic nation.
7. **Create** a two-page spread for a Canada Day edition of a magazine.