This chapter explores national interest as well as foreign and domestic policy. Sometimes there are contending national interests such as Arctic sovereignty, 9/11 and the war in Afghanistan, and interests for women.

**Chapter Issue:** To what extent do national interest and foreign policy shape each other?

**In this chapter you will learn about the following concepts:**
- That national interest can change and that there are differing views of national interest;
- That a country must develop both domestic and foreign policy; and,
- That a country’s foreign policy may benefit some communities but have negative effects on others.

**Topics covered in this chapter include:**
1. What is national interest?
2. How are nationalism and national interest related?
3. How has national interest shaped foreign policy?
4. How has foreign policy shaped national interest?

**You will apply these skills to your understanding of national interest and foreign policy:**
1. **Document** using words or images your current ideas about nationalism.
2. **List** five personal interests that are the most important to you now.
3. **Explain** the idea of national interest in your own words.
4. **Express** why you think a country would choose to host the Olympics.
5. Use the Internet to **research** Canada’s claims to sovereignty in the Arctic.
6. **Create** a historical map.