

Understanding Nationalism

Chapter Highlights

Chapter 13: Visions of Canada

This chapter explores Canada's identity, specifically differing visions of Canada as well as the history of emerging visions.

Chapter Issue: *How have visions of Canadian identity evolved?*

In this chapter you will learn about the following concepts:

- That Canadians have been trying to define Canada's identity since before Confederation;
- That the path towards multiculturalism is not always smooth and that some groups believe that their needs are not being met; and,
- That the visions of Canadian identity change as circumstances change.

Topics covered in this chapter include:

1. What is Canada?
2. What were some early visions of Canada?
3. Did early visions of Canada meet people's needs?
4. Does Canada today show that visions of Canadian identity have evolved?

You will apply these skills to your understanding of visions of Canada:

1. **Document** your current ideas on changing visions of national identity.
2. **Summarize** the vision of Canada from different perspectives.
3. **Build** a family tree.
4. **Examine** the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to determine which clauses would have protected people of one culturally different group in early Canada.
5. **Create** past and present images to represent your individual, collective, and national identity.
6. **Create** two images to represent your identity.