Understanding Nationalism

Chapter Highlights

Chapter 15: The Quest for Canadian Unity

This chapter investigates how the changing face of Canada affects national unity.

Chapter Issue: Should Canadian national unity be promoted?

In this chapter you will learn about the following concepts:
- That people’s feelings of unity – oneness – with others is often closely tied to their sense of identity;
- That maintaining unity in any group is often a challenge;
- That increasing globalization, ease and speed of travel, new technologies, and world events mean that today’s Canada is very different from the country that was created in 1867.

Topics covered in this chapter include:
1. What is national unity?
3. How has the changing face of Canada affected national unity?

You will apply these skills to your understanding of the quest for Canadian unity:
1. Review your journal entries and your thinking about nationalism.
2. Record the names of 5 groups to which you feel loyal on an organizing chart.
3. Examine data to determine how the figures might affect national unity.
4. Identify 3 ways that multiculturalism can contribute to national unity.
5. Examine data of the percentage of people in Canada who are bilingual to determine the success of official bilingualism.
6. List five strategies the federal government could put into practice to reinforce Canadian national unity.
7. Brainstorm to create a web of ideas about Canada and the world.