

# 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?
2. How the nature of Canada affects 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.