

Exploring Nationalism

Chapter Highlights

Chapter 5: National Interest and Foreign Policy

This chapter explores national interest as well as foreign and domestic policy; for example, post-World War I peace settlements are investigated as are interests in the Middle East. Sometimes there are contending national interests such as foreign policy in Peru, 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 includes economic prosperity, security and safety, and beliefs and values;
- 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. How are nationalism and national interest related? (*national interest, changing views, peacemaking, Arctic sovereignty*)
2. How has national interest shaped foreign policy? (*domestic and foreign policy, WWI peace settlements, Woodrow Wilson, interests after WWI, in the Middle East*)
3. How foreign policy has shaped national interest. (*foreign policy and national interests in Peru, 9/11 and Canada in Afghanistan and the debate over Afghanistan, rights for women*)

You will apply these skills to your understanding of how national interest and foreign policy shape each other:

1. **Document** using words or images your changing understandings of nationalism.
2. **Discuss** several ways in which an educated population is in the national interest.
3. **Read** Kofi Annan's statement on sovereignty.
4. **Locate** the Northwest Passage by looking at a circumpolar map.
5. **Organize** a process to build consensus.
6. **Connect** to the Internet to learn more about events set in motion by Gavrilo Princip's actions.
7. **Comment** on Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points showing how and why these ideas have (or have not) emerged in today's world.
8. **Explain** how the foreign policies of Britain and France after World War I might have helped create resentments as identified by MacMillan.
9. **Examine** the timeline of oil and national interest in Iraq.
10. **Review** responses to an opinion poll on Canada's involvement in Afghanistan.