

20–2: Understanding Nationalism

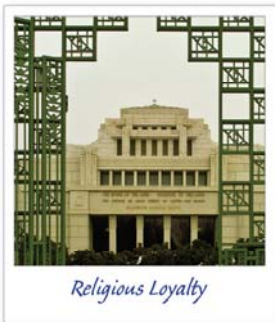
WRITTEN RESPONSE

Assignment I

Suggested Time: 20-25 minutes

Assignment I requires you to use the information that follows to write a response to the question on page 2.

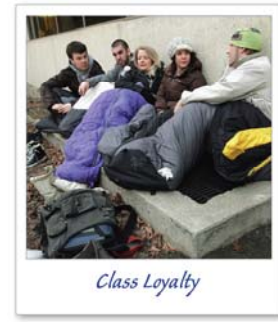
Common forms of non-nationalist loyalties in Alberta



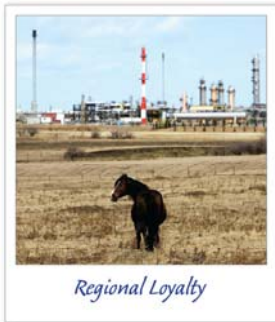
Places of worship are important symbols of loyalty to the beliefs and values of a religion and the community that shares those beliefs.



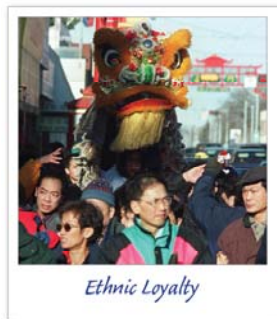
The Momiji dancers perform the *odori* — a traditional Japanese dance — at festivals and community events to show loyalty to the values and ways of life of a cultural group.



These students camped out on a heating vent to raise awareness of and money for homeless people — and to demonstrate a class loyalty.



People who feel regional loyalties may actively promote the economic, social, and political interests of their region.



Chinese Canadians celebrate the Chinese New Year with dragons and music to show their loyalty to people who share the same ethnic background.

Assignment I

Which form(s) of non-nationalist loyalties do you think pose the biggest threat to Canadian nationalism?



Write a response in paragraph form in which you **must**

- **identify** the form(s) of non-nationalist loyalties you think pose the biggest threat to Canadian nationalism
- **explain** why the form(s) pose the biggest threat to Canadian nationalism
- **support** your response by referring to your understanding of social studies

Assignment II

Suggested Time: 40-45 minutes

Assignment II requires you to write a response in which you interpret the three sources on page 4 to answer the question below.

Some people believe individuals can play powerful roles in society, while others believe there is little one person can do.

a) **What ideas does each of the sources on the next page communicate to you about the role of the individual in society?**

AND

b) **Considering the sources, what do you think should be the role of the individual in society?**



Write a response in paragraph form in which you **must**

- **interpret** the sources to **identify** what **each** source tells you about the role of the individual in society
- **explain** your position on what the role of the individual in society should be
- **support** your interpretations and position by referring to the sources and your understanding of social studies

Source I



In October, 2007, protesters staged a peace rally — “Canada Out of Afghanistan: Bring the Troops Home Now” — on Parliament Hill.

Source II



When it became obvious that Japan was losing the war, Kamikazi pilots began crashing their planes into Allied ships. The young pilots in this photograph have tied to their arms the honorary ribbons that marked their missions.

Source III



Assignment III

Suggested time: 40-45 minutes

Your newspaper interviewed three citizens selected at random and asked them to respond to the following question:

How should we respond to Canada becoming more involved in international affairs?

Citizen I

Canada must not only participate in international organizations and treaties, but also initiate these endeavors whenever there is a need, as it did with the Ottawa Convention banishing landmines. We cannot tell others we believe in peace, justice, and equality if we ignore the horrific problems that exist in many parts of the world. We have a responsibility to promote social justice so the world becomes a better place for more people. Internationalism may not only be our best hope for survival, but also our last hope.

Citizen II

Canada is in an enviable position. We are blessed with the resources, political stability, and economic promise that few other countries enjoy. We must remember that our good fortune is mostly due to good luck: we were born in the right place. We owe it to the world to share our good fortune. However, we cannot share our resources without limit. Canada needs to be a better “team player,” but at the same time keep control over the clean water, fossil fuels, and other resources that are so important to our well-being. The challenge is to find a balance between “them” and “us.”

Citizen III

It’s time for Canada to put Canada first! In spite of what many people think, Canada *does* have internal problems like poverty, unemployment, and a lack of infrastructure. We need to concentrate our efforts and resources on domestic needs. How can we help others when our own house is not in order? Empathy for the world’s underprivileged is a natural reaction, but that empathy needs balance. People need to take responsibility for their own actions and decisions. Handouts do not make people change their ways.

Assignment III

Your task is to write a letter to the editor of the newspaper on the following question:

How should we respond to Canada becoming more involved in international affairs?



Write a letter to the editor in which you **must**

- **explore** the issue of whether Canada should be more involved in international affairs
- **analyze** various points of view on the question
- **identify** your point of view on the question
- **support** your point of view by referring to your understanding of social studies