

Canadian Identity

SS 11 – Why bother Voting?

Molson Rant

Hey,
I'm not a lumberjack, or a Fur Trader,
I don't live in an igloo,
Or eat blabber
Or own a dogsled
And I don't know Jimmy, Sally or Suzy from Canada, although I'm certain they're really really nice.

I have a Prime Minister... not a President
I speak English and French, not American
And I pronounce it About, not A-boot.

I can proudly sew my country's flag on my backpack,
I believe in peacekeeping, not policing,
Diversity not assimilation
And that the beaver is a truly proud and noble animal.

A toque is a hat,
A chesterfield is a couch,
And it is pronounced Zed, not Zee... Zed!
Canada is the 2nd largest land mass,
The 1st nation of hockey
And the best part of North America

My name is Joe,
And I AM Canadian!

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- You can listen to the Molson Rant or see some spoofs and videos about Canada's Identity at:
 - <http://canada4life.ca/videos.php?video=1>
- What do you think?
 - Are these just stereotypes?
 - Does this represent how most Canadians define themselves?
 - If not, how do they?

“We are More”

- Check out Shane Koyczan’s “We are More” performed during the 2010 Olympics
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5-q6S8qJMQ>

Identity

- There are many spoofs and rants and commentaries on Canada available online, of course, but we’re interested to know what YOU think. That is a key part of the course—lots to learn about Canadian history, government, geography, issues, and identity but equally important for you to learn about what kind of Canadian you want to be.

Written

- What do you think it means to be Canadian?
- What’s so special about Canada? What sets us apart from other nations?
- Are their “Canadian” beliefs or values?
- Are there things about Canada or “being Canadian” that are not good and need to change?
- Is it fair to talk about one Canada? Is it really one thing? (eg. How important is nationality?)

Selling Canada

- You are on vacation in another country (you choose) and you make friends with someone who is interested in moving to Canada. They ask you to tell them what Canada is about and what they should expect. What do you say?
- Create an advertisement that might be found in a magazine trying to get someone to move to Canada. This could be an article, one-page visual spread, cover page, etc.
- Some visuals and some writing are both required.
