

## **Canadian Identity: Snapshots of life in Canada by teenage New Canadians.**

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### **Description:**

The concept of what it means to be Canadian is continuously changing. Many New Canadians are adopting parts of Canadian culture while maintaining ties to the culture of their birth country. Students will use a website created by CBC Saskatchewan to view audio slideshows created from photos taken by immigrant teens in Regina. This will facilitate discussion about Canadian identity and encourage students to think about how their own cultural background helps shape their view of what Canadian culture is.

### **Grade Level:**

Grades 8-12  
Or EAL Class

### **Subject:**

Social Studies (Topics: Canadian Identity, Immigration)

### **Duration:**

1 class

### **Goal:**

To have students gain a better understanding of what it means to be a New Canadian through the eyes of immigrant teens.

### **Objectives:**

The student will:

- Learn about what it means to be Canadian in today's multi-cultural context.
- Understand how diverse the immigrant experience can be. (ex. Employment, housing, etc)
- Learn about the reasons why some people choose to move to Canada.
- Understand some of the challenges newcomers face.

### **Materials:**

Computer/Internet access for viewing materials

**Procedure:**

Students break into groups. Each group watches one of the audio slideshows. Groups will be given specific questions to consider when watching the slideshows. They can fill out a page as a group and hand it in to the teacher at the end of class.

After the group fills out a page –each group will then share what they’ve learned with the rest of the class.

**Points to consider while viewing slideshow:** (Questions to complete)

- How are the teens holding on to the culture of their birth/(parent’s birth) country?
- How is the teen adapting to Canadian culture?
- What values does the teen hold?
- What kinds of activities does the teen like to do for fun?
- What have you learned about the culture of the student featured in the slideshow?

**Discussion Points:**

- What does it mean to be Canadian?
- What is Canadian culture?
- What does a Canadian look like?
- What are some challenges faced by New Canadians?
- How does this person’s experience compare/contrast with your own experience as a Canadian?

**Possible Extensions:**

Students can create their own audio slideshows.

If they want to do this they need a digital camera, MP3 recorder, and download a free editing program such as Moviemaker.

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