

Canadian History – Unit Assessment

Canada's Foreign Affairs

Since Confederation, Canada has often played an important role in an increasingly interdependent world. Throughout this time, Canada has been involved in many different military engagements (including peacekeeping and peacemaking), has grown closer to the United States, and has engaged the world community in multilateralism¹.

Your task is to reflect on Canada's history of foreign affairs and discuss what role Canada should play in global affairs in the future. Your answer, should consider the following:

- Canada's engagement in multilateral organizations (i.e. United Nations, NATO, etc.)
- The purpose of Canada's military (i.e. peacekeeping vs. peacemaking, intervention vs. non-engagement)
- Canada's relationship with the United States
- Environmental Stewardship

Remember that you need to demonstrate to me your comprehension of the Enduring Understandings of this unit. They are:

1. Canada continues to be influenced by issues of war and peace, international relations, and global interactions.
2. Geographic, economic, cultural, and political links to the United States continue to be important factors in Canada's development.
3. Since the beginning of the 20th century, Canada has played an increasingly active role in world affairs through trade and development, military engagement, and participation in international organizations.
4. Global interdependence challenges Canadians to examine and redefine the responsibilities of citizenship.

¹ Multilateralism, in this context, means engaging more than one other country to work together towards common goals. For example: "In the spirit of multilateralism, Canada worked with other countries in the United Nations to bring about peace in central Africa."

Task:

1. You may choose to do this task by hand or by using computer programs.
2. You should have 4 pieces of paper. On each paper write one of the titles:
 - a. Canada and World Organizations
 - b. Canada's Military
 - c. Canada's Relationship with the United States
 - d. Canada and the Environment
3. Search online for pictures that that you believe represent the four topics listed. Print the pictures or copy and paste them into each topic. Alternatively, you also have the option of drawing your own images if you wish.
4. On each of the four papers, compose a brief write up for what you believe Canada's role should be in each area. Your composition should reflect an understanding of Canada's historic participation in foreign affairs by using the Historical Thinking Skills:
 - a. Historical Significance
 - b. Historical Perspective
 - c. Historical Evidence
 - d. Cause and Consequence
 - e. Continuity and Change
 - f. Moral Dimension of History.

Rubric:

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| Appearance (engaging, neat, no spelling or grammatical errors) | /4 |
| Relationship of Photos to Themes | /4 |
| Composition reflects understanding of Canadian history of foreign affairs and the Enduring Understandings of the unit. | /8 |
| Composition demonstrates a clear vision of what Canada's role in foreign affairs should be | /8 |
| Assignment demonstrates strong use of Historical Thinking Concepts | /5 |
| Total: | /29 |