



Canada's 150th Birthday

A snapshot of Canada:

Canada is a rich and dynamic country that is home to more than 34 million people. We've got a lot to be proud of. Canada is the second largest country in the world. Our country has vast geography, diverse cultures and vibrant communities unlike any other nation. Since Confederation in 1867, Canada has seen a world of change. Today, we're part of a global community that is connected by technology and travel. Our provinces and territories continue to transform to reflect the evolving face of our citizens. Our country is home to a diverse spectrum of citizens. Today, more than 20 per cent of people living in Canada were born outside the country - a proportion we've not seen in almost a century. Conversely, more than one million Canadians call another country home. These are some of the factors that influence our country and our communities. As we look ahead to Canada's 150th anniversary, it's important to reflect on the Canadian experience and what it means to be Canadian.

The Task: You have been hired to work as a historical consultant for the Canadian government's committee in charge of celebrating Canada's 150th Anniversary. Specifically, you've been asked to design a commemorative piece that highlights the most important historical events and people(s) that have shaped our country's past. Although Canada is officially 150 years old as a country, it must be acknowledged that the First Nations Peoples were here prior to colonialism and were the first founders of the land. Essentially we are celebrating 150+ years of our amazing land and nation of people.

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- ★ You have complete artistic expression in this piece. It could take a variety of options such as a flag, tapestry, poster to be displayed in classrooms, diorama, model, coin, collage, painting, or drawing... if you come up with your own idea, just get teacher permission.
- ★ You must include at least 10 significant events, people, groups that have helped shape the identity of Canada.
- ★ Students striving to reach exemplary criteria should also include elements of Canadian geography in their design.

Written Component:

1. Write up an explanation in bullet point for each of the 10 significant choices you have included in your piece. The explanations for each must be a minimum of 3 sentences long to a max of 8 (no more than a paragraph for each).
2. Finish off your written component with your opinion regarding Canada celebrating its 150th birthday. Is it a milestone for our country or a controversial issue? Defend your opinion with at least three supporting points in a well-written paragraph.



Growth Areas	Criteria	Strengths & Praise Points
	<p>Commemorative Piece (Design/Creative Thinking)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Creatively designs a commemorative piece for Canada's 150+ BD (the piece is interesting to look at and sparks interest) <input type="checkbox"/> Includes 10+ significant events, people, groups that have helped shape the identity of Canada. <input type="checkbox"/> Includes elements of Canada's diverse environment (geography & landscape) <p>Written Component/Critical Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> explanation in bullet point for each of the 10 significant choices you have included in your piece. The explanations for each must be a minimum of 3 sentences long to a max of 8 (no more than a paragraph for each). <input type="checkbox"/> Justifications for choices references convincing reasons for being a shaping factor in Canada's history <input type="checkbox"/> Reflects on the milestone/controversy of Canada's 150th with thoughtful ideas that support their opinion. 	

