How would you describe Canada’s culture to a visitor in a faraway country?
What is Canadian Culture?

- How would you define Canadian culture?
- What symbols are connected with Canadian Identity?
- What is the difference between the cultural mosaic (Canada) and the melting pot (United States)?
- Is it cool to be “Proud to be Canadian?”
- On your own or in pairs make a list of things that you would use to describe our culture to a complete foreigner
Hey. I'm not a lumberjack, or a fur trader.
And I don't live in an igloo, or eat blubber, 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 peace
keeping, 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 SECOND LARGEST
LANDMASS! THE FIRST NATION OF
HOCKEY! AND THE BEST PART OF NORTH
AMERICA!
MY NAME IS JOE!! AND I AM CANADIAN!!!!!!!!
Thank you.
Define culture...

All learned behaviours, beliefs, attitudes, values and ideals of a particular society or population.
Aspects of culture can be looked at in 2 different ways

- material
- non material
material culture

- all physical objects that humans create and or give meaning to... clothing, cars, wheels, bowls, schools, books, chairs and so on
- things that are tangible, meaning we can see them and touch them
non material culture

0 thoughts, behaviours, values, beliefs, ideas, language, rules, customs, skills, myths, family patterns, and political systems

0 these things we cannot see or touch, they are abstract or conceptual
Cultures worldwide are so different but all share some basic characteristics.
On the lines provided beside the slides, make a list of things that you would use to describe Canadian culture based on the three ways to describe any culture:

- behaviour
- knowledge and beliefs
- material culture
the same but different

- **politics** government, law, justice system

- **economics** production and exchange of goods/services, some form of property

- **family** marriage, kinship, sex, child rearing

- **communication** verbal and nonverbal languages

- **recreation** ways to relax and leisure

- **war** some form of dealing with conflict (internal and external)
Knowledge and beliefs

- Values: things that are seen as important
- Science: knowledge about the environment and humans
- Myths: folklore, beliefs that are untrue but used to explain mysteries
- Religion: beliefs, rituals, ceremonies
- Philosophy: ways of thinking about life
- Attitudes: thoughts, viewpoints
material culture

- **food** nutrition and celebration
- **dress** adornment, protection
- **tools** stuff we use to get things done
- **transportation** infrastructures, roads, means of travel
- **shelter** housing
- **art** some form of creative human creation
- **weapons** to protect, fight, hunt
- **industry** technology, production of goods
consolidate

Let’s take it up together