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? Culture ?

How would you describe  
Canada's culture to a visitor in a  
faraway country?

# What is Canadian Culture?

- o How would you define Canadian culture?
- o What symbols are connected with Canadian Identity?
- o What is the difference between the cultural mosaic (Canada) and the melting pot (United States)?
- o Is it cool to be “Proud to be Canadian?”
- o 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.



## The Rant

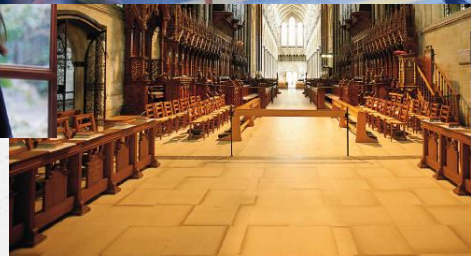
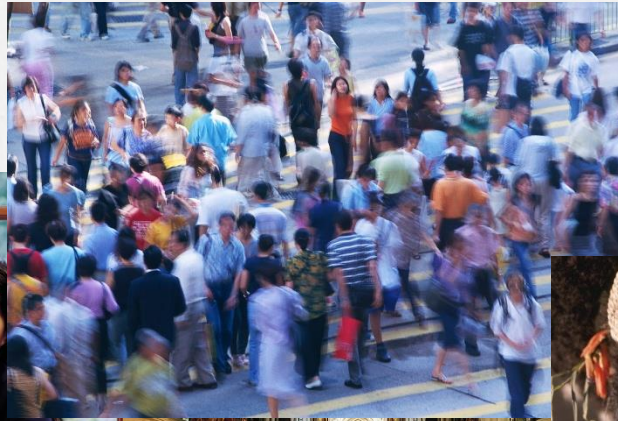
### A Product of Molson Canadian



How to  
become a  
Canadian



o 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

o material

o non material



# material culture

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



# non material culture

- thoughts, behaviours, values, beliefs, ideas, language, rules, customs, skills, myths, family patterns, and political systems
- these things we cannot see or touch, they are abstract or conceptual



Cultures world wide are so different  
but all share some basic  
characteristics

**the same but  
different**



behaviour

**the same but different**



knowledge  
& beliefs

material  
culture



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- o 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
- o behaviour
  - o knowledge and beliefs
  - o material culture

**the same but  
different**

# behaviour

- o **politics** government, law, justice system
- o **economics** production and exchange of goods/ services  
some from of property
- o **family** marriage, kinship, sex, child rearing
- o **communication** verbal and nonverbal languages
- o **recreation** ways to relax and leisure
- o **war** some form of dealing with conflict (internal and external)

# the same but different **knowledge and beliefs**

- o **science** knowledge about the environment and humans
- o **myths** folklore that is untrue but used to explain mysteries
- o **attitudes** thoughts, viewpoints
- o **religion** beliefs, rituals, ceremonies
- o **philosophy** ways of thinking about life
- o **values** things that are seen as important

# material culture

**the same  
but different**

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



consolidate

o Let's take it up together