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? Culture?

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.

The Rant

Hey, I'm not a lumberjack, or a fur trader.
And I don't live in an igloo, or eat blubber, or own a dog sled.
And I don't know Jimmy, Sally or Suey from Canada, although I'm certain they're real, really nice.
I have a Prime Minister, not a President.
I speak English and French, NOT American.
and I pronounce 'L'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 noble animal.
A toque is a hat, A cheesefield is a couch,
And it is pronounced "ZED" not "ZEE", "ZED".
Canada is the second largest land mass! The first nation of hockey and the best part of North America.
My name is Joe and I am Canadian! Thank you.
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**Define culture...**

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
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**Non Material Culture**

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

**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**
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behavior
- 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) the same but different

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

material culture the same but different
- 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