

Are you proud of Canada?

Stage 2 is foundational. Here students explore, build on, strengthen, and extend key concepts that will support their learning in the future stages of the project where they will be asked to consider the impact that stereotypes have on our understanding of ourselves and others.

To prepare students for the Google Hangout and their individual responses in D2L have them consider the following:

- The attitudes, values, and beliefs of Canadian society
- The people, events, and ideas that conjure up patriotic feelings
- What patriotism means to them
- Are there criteria attitudes, values, and beliefs that all Canadians need to have in common? If yes, what are they? If no, why not?

Students are likely to identify some stereotypical representations like hockey, maple syrup, and politeness all of which are great jumping off points for deeper thinking about Canada, its history, and what as a society it cares about.

As students name values like caring about natural resources and being polite, challenge them to find current evidence that this is true. Do we subscribe to representations of ourselves as Canadians because that's what we've been told or what we've heard in the media? What do our own observations tell us?

Students will draw on sports and well-publicized events like the Olympics to begin their thinking about what Canadians believe in. But depending on the grade and composition of your class, listen for other ideas.

For example, what happened between April of 2016 and February of 2017 around the topic of Muslims in Canada? What do Canadians believe? What do they want?

[New Poll Highlights Strong Sense Of National Pride Among Canadian Muslims](#) (April 2016)

[Private Members' Motion on Systemic racism and religious discrimination](#) (February 2017)

Canada's relationship with the Indigenous Peoples is another thread that students might consider. In this 150th year of Canada, what is Canada's response to the needs and aspirations of Indigenous Peoples?

[Reconciling Canada's 150th: Why 2017 should start with tears](#) (December 2016)

[New Canadians to pledge honour for Indigenous treaties in revised citizenship oath](#) (February 2017)

The prompts for the Google hangout are the following:

1. Overall, are you proud of Canada? Why or why not?
2. Are there things that make you wish Canada would improve so that you could be more proud?
3. What is one thing that every country should know about Canada?
4. Are there any other comments on the over-arching question, "Are you proud of Canada?".

We'll have the 'chat' in D2L (link to chat at top of D2L class page) open up for students who want to add comments and ideas during the hangout.

Finally, students will respond to the overarching question "Are you proud of Canada" in a D2L discussion forum. They can approach this from any perspective. We are hoping some challenging discussions will arise from this.